

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of **Parishioners of St Kevin's Catholic Church, HAMPTON PARK**

Draws to the attention of the House: a matter concerning our views on the struggles and challenges faced by one of our parishioners - **Sebastian Gomes [aged 41yrs]**, after the passing of his wife - **Karolyn Gomes [aged 35 years]** who lost her life to Cancer, leaving behind their two young [primary school aged] children, **Benjamin and Christabel**, to be cared for.

We therefore ask the House to: **allow Sebastian's parents – Benu Gomes [aged 63yrs] and Jachintha Rani Gomes [aged 62yrs]**, currently residing in India, and who are the only living Grand Parents for these children, to be granted their visas to enter and remain in Australia, so that they can care for their grandchildren, thereby allowing Sebastian to return to his line of work, as a Chef. Both Benu and Jachintha, who are in good health, are now retired, and have no children to care for in India. During their working life, Benu worked as a Chef and Jachintha stayed at home to care for her two sons.