

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMEBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**This petition of ARVIND DUGGAL on the behalf of Australian citizens and residents with parents living overseas**

**Draws to the attention of the house** – Due to the long wait time of Non-Contributory Parent Visa (between 16 and 30 years), the financial requirements associated with the other much more costly Contributory Parent Visa and requirement to meet the Balance of Family Test, the Visitor Visa is the only other option for Parents wanting to visit their families in Australia.

The current visitor visas the department of immigration and Border protection currently grant to the parents stipulate that parents must leave the country for six months once they have been here for 12 months. This requirement is costly is costly and difficult for parents who are most often retired senior citizens.

Because parents must maintain comprehensive private health insurance while they are in Australia there is no additional pressure on our public services. A new visa for parents would be boost to the Australian economy and benefit the grater community.

**We Therefore ask the house to** – In view of the high number of Australian Citizens born overseas with parents wishing to spend time visiting family in Australia and because of limitation on current visa option for this cohort , we the undersigned request that the Australian Government introduce a ten year ‘ Parent Visa’ with a two year continuous stay . After two years the parents would be required to leave the country for the compulsory period of **at least 10 days.**

