To the Honourable the Speaker and the members of the House of Representatives.

This petition of a concerned citizen of Australia requests the House to determine if former Prime Minister Mr Abbott MP applied for Australian citizenship by descent properly and correctly with regards to all rules and laws governing the Immigration application procedures of the time.

Former Prime Minister Mr Abbott's citizenship by descent application in the National Archives of Australia is signed by Fay Abbott, his mother. Mrs Abbott got assisted passage, colloquially known as the ten pound pom boat trip in 1961 so there is a chance that she may have been British at the time of former Prime Minister Mr Abbott's birth, her citizenship on returning to Australia is not clear, she may also have been a dual citizen. Immigration rules of the time the citizenship by descent application was lodged say the mother may lodge an application for citizenship by descent for a child, but when that child reaches adulthood the child must fill in the form. Former Prime Minister Mr Abbott was 23 at the time the form was filled in and did not sign anything in the National Archives file.

I beg the house to determine if the former Prime Minister Mr Abbott MP filled in his citizenship by descent forms correctly.

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