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

This petition of certain citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the House: the plight of the Klue family who immigrated to Australia from South Africa as State-sponsored business immigrants in December 2007. Due to circumstances over which they have had little or no control, residence in Australia has been denied. As State-sponsored immigrants, they have no personal right of appeal. Only the State can appeal, and it is not State policy to do so. Consequently they are left without remedy.

The Klue family operate a successful commodity store business in Buderim, Queensland as required under the conditions of business sponsorship, but in such a way that they have endeared themselves to the community. They are self-sufficient in every way and net contributors to the economy. We the undersigned, regard them as exactly the sort of immigrants Australia needs.

We therefore ask the House to: recommend that the Department of Immigration review the case of the Klue family and take action to correct any irregularities that may remain, for the express purpose of helping the Klue family to remain in Australia.