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 following facts:

- a) the 1969 Act of Free Choice in West Papua was not a free and fair referendum, because only a small proportion of adults were allowed to vote, and those selected to vote were subjected to threats if they did not vote in favour of integration with Indonesia.
- b) Indonesian military and security personnel in West Papua have carried out and continue to carry out human rights abuses such as torture, murder, arbitrary detention, house-burning and rape, with impunity.
- c) International media are restricted from reporting in West Papua

We therefore ask the House to:

• Request that the United Nations review the New York Agreement of 1962 and the 1969 Act of Free Choice, and conduct a genuine, UN-monitored referendum on self-determination in which all adult West Papuans are allowed to vote without duress.

• Stop all Australian financial support and training of Indonesian military and security personnel until human rights abuses by military and security personnel in West Papua cease.

• Request the Indonesian government to remove the media blockade and allow international journalists free access to West Papua.