

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

**This petition of a concerned group of Australian citizens who respectfully wish to  
draw to the attention of the House:**

*The plight of the vast number of refugees, currently in different parts of the world, who through no fault of their own, have been forced to flee their country of origin, because of violence, war and persecution. These people are merely seeking a safe place to live. We draw the attention of the House, to the current International Refugee Crisis in Europe, which is the worst since the Second World War. In this crisis, tens of thousands of displaced people are surging across Europe every day. Many more people need new homes, than there are places in countries willing or able to take them, yet countries smaller geographically, poorer than our own, with much greater existing populations, are taking in and rehoming many more refugees by percentage, than Australia is currently willing to do.*

**We therefore ask the House to:**

Reconsider the "Turn back the boats" position that the Australian Government has previously taken on refugees, in the light of the extraordinary circumstances of the current International Refugee Crisis. To acknowledge that given the magnitude of this current crisis, the Government of Australia needs to take a significantly greater "fair share" of these people to safety on our shores; and to consider many more than it has currently agreed to, for rehoming in Australia.