

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

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House:

The mandatory imprisonment of people who seek asylum in Australia is wrong. Mandatory imprisonment without charge violates all human rights and offends Australian values.

Holding newly arrived people who seek asylum for security, identity and health checks should extend for an absolute maximum of three months unless a compelling argument to the contrary is made to and accepted by a court or an independent tribunal.

We therefore ask the House to repeal mandatory detention legislation and end mandatory imprisonment of people who seek asylum.