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

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

- Australia is in breach of Articles 31 and 32 of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees by its treatment of persons who are refugees seeking asylum from Australia who arrive to Australia by boat;
- Indefinite offshore detention is a breach and violation of human rights;
- After the Federal election in May 2019 there has been a dramatic increase documented of attempts to suicide or self-harm by refugees held by Australia in offshore detention;
- The Australian Government must show compassion to all people who travel to Australia by any means who is a person who has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

We therefore ask the House to:

- 1. Stop all offshore detention practices for people who are refugees seeking asylum from Australia who meet the definition under the Migration Act 1958 as an unauthorised maritime arrival;
- 2. Repeal all the amendments made to the Migration Act 1958 by the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Act 2013;
- 3. Evacuate all refugees on Manus Island and Nauru by re-settling them in Australia or by allowing the evacuation of the refugees to New Zealand.

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