

This petition of **RICHARD MANTHORPE**, citizen of The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presently residing in Australia under terms of the subclass 410 visa (for retirees)

Draws to the attention of The House, that, under the rules governing this visa, my wife and myself are barred from becoming permanent residents and citizens of Australia.

We therefore ask The House, giving due regard to

- (i) our unbroken residence in Australia since May 1994,
- (ii) although not meeting the "balance of family" test demanded of some migrants, we are members of a larger family group, including our son, twin grandsons, my wife's sister and family, my wife's brother and family, and other, more senior, citizens, all of whom are permanent residents of Australia,
- (iii) our intention to continue to live in Australia,
- (iv) our "self funded retiree" status resulting in no call on centrelink benefits,
- (v) during my career in the public service occasional duties alongside A.D.F. personnel,

to grant myself and my wife leave to apply for permanent residence and, subsequently, citizenship of this country.