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

This petition of Australian citizens and residents

Draws to the attention of the House: the Australian and Malaysian Refugee Trade

We, as citizens and residents of this country ask the House take all available steps to ensure to that Australia does not send asylum seekers and refugees to Malaysia.

We should not push back asylum seekers and refugees from Australia to Malaysia, a country that has not signed the UN Refugee Convention. Furthermore, Malaysia has a poor track record of protection, safety, and humanitarian assistance for refugees and asylum seekers. Australia needs to have an understanding of the plight of refugees worldwide and treat people with respect.

As a member of the international community and as a signatory to the UN Refugee Convention, the Australian Government has certain ethical and legal obligations towards asylum seekers and refugees. We request that the House of Representatives ensure that these obligations are respected and that the moving of refugees and asylum seekers to Malaysia immediately ceases.

We urgently request for the House of Representatives to show compassion for the lives of asylum seekers reach Australia and to take all available steps to ensure their asylum claims are assessed in Australia.