

To the Honourable Speaker and members of the House of Representatives

This petition of concerned citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the house the need for an independent and open investigation into allegations of torture and the unfair 'trial' of David Hicks through the U.S. military commissions process.

We believe that torture is unacceptable, and that the Australian government should adhere to its international human rights obligations by ensuring its citizens are not subjected to an unfair legal system or left in detention situations that contravene the Convention Against Torture. President Obama has recognised the illegitimate legal framework established by the 2006 Military Commissions Act, and has subsequently replaced it with the 2009 Military Commissions Act. We therefore believe that the Australian government should stand in line with the Obama administration and international human rights law and formally recognise the 2006 Military Commissions Act as unlawful.

We therefore ask the house to formally recognise the illegality of the 2006 Military Commissions Act and order an open and independent investigation into the David Hicks Case, with special regard to torture allegations.

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