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by **Mrs Irwin** (from 50 citizens)

Fair Trade Chocolate

To the Honourable The Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

This petition of the undersigned citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the house that since the ‘Harkin - Engel’ protocol signing in 2001 only slow progress has been made in ending the worse forms of child labour in the cocoa industry

We therefore ask the House to act to set a deadline for the importation of cocoa products involving the use of the worst forms of child labour. We ask for a deadline for two reasons. Firstly because in 2001 the Chocolate Manufacturers Association and the World Cocoa Foundation agreed in the Harkin -Engel protocol that by July 1, 2005 they could eliminate THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR”. Secondly because cocoa and chocolate companies such as Cadbury’s (with their Dairy Milk chocolate) and Nestle (Kit Kat UK) have already shown that it is possible to comply with the protocol. We ask the House that this deadline includes developing and implementing industry—wide standards of public certification for imports of cocoa beans and their derivative products so that such items will not be allowed to be imported into Australia unless they are shown to have been grown and/or processed without any of the worst forms of child labour as listed in article three in ILO convention 182 which Australia ratified on 19th December 2006.

by **Mrs Irwin** (from 60 citizens)

Internet Filtering

To the Honourable The Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

We, the undersigned citizens draws to the attention of the House the forthcoming legislation to “implement compulsory filtering of the internet by ISP’s” in Australia and we hereby express our condemnation of this forthcoming legislation.

We believe:

- That having all internet users subjected to a secret and unaccountable blacklist is a completely unacceptable act and an infringement on our “Human Rights”
- that Australia already has laws in place preventing the possession of and viewing of child pornography and other criminal material.
- that the filter will not prevent those wishing to obtain such material and furthermore we believe that the millions of dollars that will be spent under this forthcoming legislation would be better spent in funding “The Australian Federal Police’s” efforts to investigate child pornography rings and therefore prevent crimes against children from happening in the first place.

- That having an opt out blacklist rather than an opt in blacklist will impact many innocent websites and will cause a loss of profit for many businesses.

In addition we condemn all efforts by government, corporations and the media that attempt to implement any restrictions on our inalienable human right to the free exchange of speech.

Your petitioners respectfully ask the house to repeal all legislative action concerning implementation of compulsory content filtering of the internet in Australia and strongly uphold our fundamental human right to the free expression of ideas and opinions.

by **Mrs Irwin** (from 2,166 citizens)

Mental Health

To the Honourable The Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

This petition from concerned citizens:

draws to the attention of the House the Federal Government’s recent decision to remove access to mental health service providers by allied health professionals (social workers and occupational therapists).

We therefore urge the House to immediately reverse the decision to remove the Medicare rebate for allied health professionals (social workers and occupational therapists), so that people with mental health issues are not disadvantaged, especially those in rural and regional Australia.

by **Mrs Irwin** (from 12 citizens)

Live Animal Exports

To the Honourable The Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

Petition calling for an end to live animal export.

This petition of undersigned citizens of Australia calls on the Australian government to end the export of live animals.

We the undersigned therefore call on the Australian government to end this trade and, in so doing, restore Australia’s reputation as a compassionate and ethical nation.

by **Mrs Irwin** (from 12,971 citizens)

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

To the Honourable The Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

This petition of Australian Citizens, who are friends, family or supporters of Australian sufferers of Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria (PNH) disease, a rare and potentially fatal disease of the blood draws to the attention of the House the need to publicly fund out of the Federal Government, the only currently available treatment for PNH sufferers, namely Soliris® (Eculizumab) as a matter of urgency.

We therefore ask the House to introduce and pass any legislation or to take any administrative action available to the House that will enable sufferers of PNH disease to urgently receive breakthrough life saving treatment for this very rare and debilitating disease.

by **Mrs Irwin** (from 41 citizens)