Dear Minister,

I live in your electorate and am writing to express my deep concern about the situation in Afghanistan. I believe Australia can play a greater role in helping provide safety for people that are being forced to flee the Taliban regime. So does my church, the Uniting Church in Australia, and a [growing movement of Christians](https://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/).

We have united under the following urgent asks, and I hope you will raise them in your party and in Parliament:

* **Welcome Afghan Refugees:** Declare an intake of an additional 20,000 refugees focused on those most at risk from the Taliban (just as we did for people fleeing Syria in 2015 and as the UK and Canada have announced).
* **Protect Afghans in Australia:** Grant permanent protection to all people from Afghanistan in Australia on temporary protection visas or currently awaiting application outcomes.
* **Reunite Refugee Families:** Make immediate arrangements to bring the families of refugees from Afghanistan to Australia.
* **Support through Humanitarian Aid:** Provide additional emergency and long-term support through reputable NGOs and organisations working in the region.

These points are also being raised across Australia’s humanitarian and refugee sectors and I hope you give them your time and consideration. I support Australia’s foreign aid program with my own contributions, and I believe our nation can scale up its efforts to meet this crisis.

Yours in hope,