

PETITION
Bring David Hicks home now

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Senate in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned draws to the attention of the Senate the continuing detention of Australian citizen David Hicks at Guantanamo Bay, despite the charges against him being dropped. The Guantanamo Bay detention centre exists in contravention of international law and has been widely condemned by the leaders of other Western nations, the United Nations, respected jurists, and religious leaders, among others.

Your petitioners believe:

- a) the United States' military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay exists in a jurisdictional void, denying detainees' fundamental human rights;
- b) those suspected of any crime, including terrorist-related offences, have a right to a fair trial, to allow them an opportunity to defend all charges against them;
- c) the US *Military Commissions Act 2006* will not allow detainees to receive a fair trial;
- d) South Australian David Hicks has been detained at Guantanamo Bay since January 2002; and
- e) Mr Hicks should immediately be granted a fair trial or repatriated to Australia.

Your petitioners therefore request the Senate urge the Government to ensure Mr Hicks immediately is granted a fair trial or repatriated to Australia.

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