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To the Hon. [NAME] MP
Member for [ELECTORATE]
Member's Email:

I am a voter in your electorate who is deeply concerned about what is happening in Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. I would like Australia's policies to support measures that lead to peace, justice and democracy in these countries.

Can you please tell me your position and engagement regarding:

- Turkey's parliament approving the temporary suspension of the constitution and the removal of parliamentary immunity for elected HDP parliamentarians in view of prosecuting and imprisoning them for speaking about the rights of Kurdish citizens in Turkey;
- Turkey's policies in besieging Kurdish towns in eastern Turkey and subjecting their residents to curfews and heavy weaponry, which are killing innocent civilians, destroying whole suburbs, causing massive displacement of people and having a devastating affect on peoples' livelihoods;
- Turkey's policies curbing freedom of speech and freedom of the press, which are leading to threats and imprisonment of journalists, academics and public figures.
- In Syria, the rights of Kurds, Arabs, Turkmen, Assyrians and other representatives involved in multi-ethnic local administrations in northern Syria and the Syrian Democratic Council to participate in UN-supported negotiations for a transitional government and a new constitution in Syria;
- The Government of Iraq (GoI) not implementing crucial articles in the federal constitution of Iraq and continuing to be sectarian and otherwise dysfunctional;
- The GoI not negotiating or paying the constitutional share of Iraq's national budget to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and the disputed territories such as Kirkuk since January 2014, despite these territories having experienced an increase of 25% in the population from IDPs fleeing ISIS; and
- The GoI not paying Peshmerga salaries and the GoI delaying ammunition and weapon supplies from reaching Peshmerga, despite relying on Peshmerga to protect northern Iraq from ISIS attacks and despite Peshmerga fighting ISIS, including in the Mosul offensive.
- The extensive use of the death penalty in Iran;
- The imprisonment of non-violent political prisoners in Iran; and
- The need for the international community to engage in a massive reconstruction effort in war affected Iraq and Syria, tying the effort to political milestones that create more equitable, inclusive and democratic governance?

Will you commit to the following?

I unequivocally support the rights of all citizens in Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran to live in peace and participate in democratic processes in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and international and human rights conventions.

If elected, I will seek clarification of Australia's policies towards the aforementioned matters and will ask the Foreign Minister of Australia whether these issues have been discussed with the relevant ambassador and whether Australia has raised or intends to raise any of these matters at international forums.

Yours sincerely,

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