

**TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN THE PARLIAMENT:**

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to our concern that:

- the Federal Government, as the major shareholder of Telstra, needs to maintain the Australian expertise within Telstra in order to uphold the quality of the Telstra network and customer service;
- the full privatisation of Telstra will inevitably entail the loss of thousands of Australian jobs;
- we seek your support in keeping a highly-skilled, committed and experienced staff with permanent jobs within Telstra to achieve a reliable service to all Australians.

We therefore ask the House to oppose the Federal Government's plans to fully privatise Telstra and ask the Federal Government, as the major shareholder, to direct Telstra to retain a highly-skilled permanent workforce.

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