

Can you put the pieces together?



Australia, Recognise Macedonia Today! Prime Minister Gillard, Do The Right Thing!

Australians pride themselves on upholding freedom and human rights, including the right to self-determination. However, for twenty years, the Australian Government and Media have failed Macedonia, offending hundreds of thousands of Australian citizens, each and every day!

Over 130 Nations, including the United States, the United Kingdom, China, South Korea, Malaysia, India, Canada and Russia, have recognised the Republic of Macedonia under its rightful and constitutional name. Since Australia prides itself on being an international leader in human rights standards, we should follow this example, and fully recognise the sovereignty of the Republic of Macedonia, including its cultural identity and name.

Since arriving on Australia's shores over a century ago, the Macedonians have helped build Australia, and they are part of the historical fabric of our nation. Today, Australia is home to one of the largest Macedonian communities living outside Macedonia. They have distinguished themselves as hard workers with an entrepreneurial spirit, including doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and teachers, all proud to be Australian, and proud of their cultural background, as well.

Macedonian soldiers fight side by side with Australian soldiers in Afghanistan, promoting freedom and democracy in countries that have none. However, the Australian government has sided with those who deny ethnic and national identity for twenty years, by using the "F.Y.R.O.M." reference.

Australia was one of eight nations involved in drafting the internationally recognised Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but our government's commitment to that document has been put into question. For the past twenty years, Australia has made the Australian Macedonian community feel like they are second-class citizens.

This is why we need each and every one of you to stand beside us today, and show your support for what is right! Help stop this discrimination! Pledge your support for your fellow Australian citizens, and call on Canberra to fully recognise the Republic of Macedonia!

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