



Why a Petition?

Australian African Network (AAN) organised a petition to demonstrate the extent of feelings amongst the public on issues relating to racism that arises from the actions and/or words of our politicians in their process for policy decision-making.

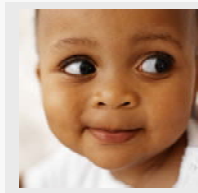
From our experience as mothers and parents of Australian-African children, we know that racism exists and impacts on the lives of individuals, families and whole communities. We wish to open dialogue with the government in order to illustrate the real impact of racism in the day-to-day lives of our families and most particularly - our children - our future – Australia's future.

We call for leadership from our politicians to say No to racial politics

We need ***our politicians*** to acknowledge the great efforts being made by the vast majority of the Sudanese community to establish a meaningful life, despite the great trauma and displacement these peoples have encountered.

We need ***our politicians*** to demonstrate compassion and empathy for newly arrived Australians and look for solutions to issues that arise - and will do so for all emerging communities - rather than singling out and blaming a whole racial group.

And ... we need ***our politicians*** to reinforce that refugees are accepted on the basis of need and not on the basis of a person's race or perception of their ability to integrate.



*We need ...
embracing of diversity and
difference, and then
maybe our children ...
born in Australia ... will not
experience racism,
discrimination and
rejection simply because
of the colour of their skin.*

*Our Petition
to the
Australian Government*

*We, the undersigned, demand
that the Australian government
continues to accept African
refugees on the basis of human
need, stops the stigmatisation of
Sudanese refugees and of other
Africans, and recognise the
many valuable contributions
made by African men and
women to Australian society.*