



30 May 2019

The Hon. Scott Morrison, MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

I write on behalf of Australian Quakers to express concern at the situation of Australian citizen Julian Assange.

We are disturbed at what appears to be unusually harsh treatment of him by the British authorities, leading to a severe sentence in solitary confinement for breaching bail some years ago. We have heard assurances from you that he will receive consular assistance similar to any other citizen abroad, but we feel his circumstances warrant more attention and support. His work for Wikileaks has made a difference to global awareness of atrocities in the Iraq war that should have been revealed earlier, and for this he is being punished and threatened with extradition to the USA on more serious charges.

We urge the Government to (a) ensure that he can be visited in gaol by those close to him and by his legal representatives, (b) check that appropriate medical treatment is available to him, (c) make it known publicly that Australia does not wish to see him extradited to US where the death penalty could be applied depending on the charges there, and (d) offer to repatriate him after he has served the bail sentence.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.R. Jordan".

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Cc: The Hon. Mr Albanese, MP

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