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Message from TRCA

Dear Tamil Friends,

99.38% of Tamils say YES for VKR1976 in Australia!

The results were officially released at a media conference at the NSW Parliament House, 22nd of April at 2.30PM.

The provisional results of the VKR Referendum in Australia

Total Polled:	8272
Total Number of Rejected Votes:	67
Total Number of Legitimate Votes:	8205
Total Number of 'Yes' Votes:	8154
Percentage of 'Yes' Votes:	99.38%
Total Number of 'No' Votes:	51
Percentage of 'No' Votes:	0.62%

This VKR1976 Referendum is undoubtedly the most successful Tamil Political Event in the Australian History.

We thank you for your help and support that you've given us over the past few weeks to make this Referendum a success. Your support has been monumental in achieving this result. - TRCA Admin

99.4 percent vote for Tamil Eelam in Australia

TamilNet 99.4 percent of those who cast votes in the Tamil referendum across Australia last weekend said "yes" to the formation of independent and sovereign Tamil Eelam in the contiguous north and east of the island of Sri Lanka. The results were announced Thursday at a press conference held at NSW State Parliament in front of state and national media. 8,272 out of the registered, numbering around 10,000, participated in the polls. The number of eligible Eezham Tamil voters in Australia is estimated to be around 15,000. The formation of Tamil Eelam was assented by 8,154. The negative votes were 51 and 67 were invalid.

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Tormenting the Tamils with our terror laws

Brian Walters-ABC.net.au

In 2007, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) used the Commonwealth *Criminal Code* to [charge](#) three prominent members of the Australian Tamil community with serious offences, including being members of a terrorist organisation, namely, the Liberation Tigers for Tamil Eelam (LTTE or Tamil Tigers). The charges carried penalties of 25 years jail.

The background was as follows. In February 2002, the LTTE and the government of Sri Lanka signed a ceasefire overseen by a Norwegian peace-keeping force. refused to permit any foreign aid to go [direct](#) into Tamil Eelam. It decreed instead that all assistance needed go through the government, a procedure that would have caused tragic delays.[More](#)

The Greens speak in NSW Parliament about the Tamil issue

A landmark referendum was held last weekend to establish whether the Australian Tamil community supports the creation of an independent State Tamil homeland...more than 90 per cent voted in favour...[More](#)

Sri Lanka :

Anatomy of a tragedy

The belief that conditions in Sri Lanka have fundamentally changed is wishful thinking, write **Stephen Keim** and **Roshan de Silva Wijeyeratne** in this account of the country's ongoing conflict [More](#)

Has Life In Sri Lanka [newmatilda.com](#) - By Samuel Thampapillai

Rudd has called a halt to the processing of asylum claims by Sri Lankans but there is still ample cause for Tamils to fear persecution, writes Samuel Thampapillai

Political alarm over the spike in boat people arrivals last week prompted the Rudd Government's momentous announcement . [More](#)

New South Wales Chapter Report

Unity of Oppression event held in Sydney

As part of the Sheila Autonomista women's festival 2010 (aka Sheilafest), an event titled Unity of Oppressions was held in Sydney.

An ATC Womens Advocacy group representative attended the event and addressed the event highlighting the plight of Tamil women and children in our homeland.

Community Cabinet Meeting at Epping

Two ATC representatives from the Womens Advocacy Group attended the Community Cabinet Meeting. Perseverance allowed them to maximise on an opportunity to ask the Prime Minister a [question](#) on the Tamil Asylum Seeker issue highlighting the root cause for Tamils fleeing their homeland and the need for the Australian government to take a firm stance on the Government of Sri Lanka.

Meeting with Mr Justin States, Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party

Mr Justin States met with representatives of the ATC Womens Advocacy Group as part of his travel to Sydney. We discussed the Asylum Seeker issue in detail and the three month suspension.

We discussed aspects of Hon Julie Bishop's [Speech made in Parliament](#) on Tamil issues and highlighted our concerns on some parts of the

speech. We discussed the recent Sri Lankan Presidential and Parliamentary elections and the poor participation by Tamils and the independent [report](#) by the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL).

Mr States appreciated the meeting and was keen on continuing dialogue with the ATC Womens Advocacy Group.

Meeting with Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC)

DIAC organised meetings after the announcement of the three month suspension for Tamil Asylum Seekers. This meeting was by invitation only and ATC representatives were asked to attend the meeting. Senior DIAC officials from Canberra were present.

ATC representatives highlighted the current situation in Sri Lanka was still unsafe for the Tamils citing independent reports from the US Department of State, Asian Human Rights Commission, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, etc.

ATC representatives offered to send copies of independent reports of the current situation in Sri Lanka concerning the Tamils which the officials accepted as evidence, and assured they will consider these in their processing of application. ATC [Newsbrief](#) were also sent to the DAIC officials after the meeting.

Rally against the Australian Protectionist Party held at the Villawood Detention Centre

An emergency rally was called against the racist Australian Protectionist Party

who were rallying in front of the Villawood Detention Centre. The organisers approached ATC for a Tamil speaker on behalf of the Tamil community. An ATC representative spoke at the event and it was well received by the attendees.

Appointments with politicians

ATC representatives have been successful in obtaining several appointments to meet MPs and Senators. ATC members who are constituents in the electorate initiated these appointments at the request of ATC. The appointments will be attended by the constituent and couple of ATC representatives.

Public relations and membership drive

[Anjanayam](#) Theatrical performance was on 11 April 2010 in aid of charity organization Patchwork. Several parliamentarians, journalists and other dignitaries who were invited by ATC representatives attended the event and appreciated the Tamil cultural dance show. Membership drive team was also at the hall handing out flyers and promoting ATC.

Visit to Christmas Island by an ATC representative

An ATC representative flew to the detention centre in Christmas Island. This visit was organised by DIAC. A report will be available soon.

South Australia Chapter Report

Youth Participation

Two ATC youths attended the Public relations forum organised by Dr Sam Pari in Melbourne on 21 March 2010. The report from the participant was very favourable. .

Political lobby

ATC, SA chapter sent letters sent to the Prime Minister, The Hon Kevin Rudd, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship The Hon Chris Evans and Mr Mike Rann Premier of SA regarding the plight of Tamils at Merak in Indonesia, when the Community Cabinet meeting was held in Adelaide.

ATC members who are members of the Circle of Friends (COF) worked with other members of COF to write a letter to Prime Minister on refugee issues. .

A few of the ATC members attended the Forum on Asylum seekers that was organized by COF where Senator Sarah Hanson-Young was the guest speaker who is the Green spokesperson on Immigration and Refugees. ATC representatives were able to speak to her personally and establish contact and met with several other speakers at the event. .

Refugee assistance

ATC representatives participated in COF meeting and agreed to provide support for all refugees who are in desperate need of essential services because of lack of income support and health benefits. ATC group will liaise with Indian and Tamil community groups to see whether pro bono medical/paramedical services could be given to the needy.

Meeting with DIAC

ATC and CTA group met Ms Justine Hugo, manager migrant settlement services DIAC. Discussed issues such as sponsorships for Tamil migrants for jobs/local experience, new UNHCR policy, and liaison with other community groups who have helped in successful settlement of their community migrants in SA. We also discussed about details of small financial grants available under the Diverse Australia program to assist the immigrants to settle in Australia

Remembrance Week

ATC SA Chapter and CTA are jointly organizing events for the Remembrance Week from 15th to 22nd May 2010 with the message "Let's remember the past, honour the memory and shape the future together". During the week three events will be organised.

15 May 2010- Community group tree planting will take place at Auldana Reserve, City of Burnside from 2 to 4 PM,
21 May 2010- Candle light vigil at Adelaide City Centre 6 to 7 PM

22nd May 2010- Community meeting from 5 to 7 PM at Burnside Community Centre, Greenhill Road, Tusmore 5065 with appropriate cultural program and some of the community leaders and politicians will be invited.

Queensland Chapter Report

Forum organised by RAC

ATC members attended the Refugee Action Collective (RAC) sponsored a forum on "Labor, refugees and the Indonesian solution" on the 7th of April in Brisbane. The key spokesperson Mr. Mahendra is a trade union activist who became a vital figure in organising the refugee rights coalition in Indonesia. His coalition has supported the rights of the Tamil refugees stranded at Merak. ATC Qld Chapter members will continue to forge links with RAC to support RAC's positive contribution to the refugee issues and its future activities.

Events attended

Qld chapter lobbyist attended the Multicultural dinner event sponsored by Graham Perrett, Federal Labor member for Moreton on the 9th April and took the opportunity to hold discussions with the following Federal politicians:

*Hon. Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Senator Chris Evans and his advisor

* Queensland Senator Mark Furner
* Queensland Senator Claire Moore

* Graham Perrett Federal Labor member for Moreton

Discussions centred around current issues affecting the Sri Lankan Tamils including refugee resettlement, ATC support to refugees, Rudd government policy on refugees and other related issues. ATC team was supported by the Stakeholder and Advocacy Group 4 Tamils (SAG4T) in QLD that included:

* Maree Klemm, Amnesty Chairperson

* David Forde, President Runcorn ALP Branch

* Fredrika Steern, ex Senior Immigration Officer and Refugee settlement agency MDA Board Member

Fr Pan Jordan, Pax Christi QLD.

A letter was handed-in to Senator Chris Evans on refugee issue.

Letters to key parliamentarians on Tamil Asylum seekers and Sri Lanka war crime investigation

a) Via ALP Woolloowin Branch a resolution supported with letter is sent to The Hon. Wayne Swan, Treasurer and ALP Runcorn Kuraby Branch via to Graham Perrett MP.

b) The QLD ATC lobby group members mailed the letter on asylum seeker issue to all the key QLD Senators and federal parliamentarians.

Stakeholder and Advocacy Group 4 Tamils (QLD)

In addition to supporting/ assisting the ATC QLD Chapter in lobbying, the SAG4T QLD members like Fredrika Steern assisted the ATC national delegation to meet (7th April in Canberra) the Department of Immigration (DIAC) decision makers on issues such as asylum

seekers processing, family reunion, settlement services on arrivals, and role of community. We wish to thank Fredrika for her valuable insight and help for the ATC delegates.

Refugees Support Group

Chapter members continue visit and assist a number of new arrivals settled in Brisbane. The planned "meet the Community" even was put on hold due to a large number moving interstate to work in abattoirs.

Meeting with DIAC

DIAC organised a meeting after the announcement of the three month suspension for Tamil Asylum Seekers.

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Western Australia Chapter Report

citing independent reports and expressed disappointment with the announcement.

Refugee Assistance

ATC representatives visit the Tamils who are in the detention centre and provide assistance.

Remembering May Massacre

The week 15th May to 22nd May has been declared a week to remember those who perished in the struggle to gain freedom this time last year.

Victoria Chapter Report

From the hard work of ATC political team in Victoria, Victorian Trades Hall Executive Council passed a [resolution](#) supporting VKR referendum.

As a result of the awareness raising done by ATC Media and PR team and non-Tamil Australians who have taken the initiative to act the below articles appeared.

[The Age](#)

[SMH](#)

National Political Report

DIAC Meeting

ATC representatives attended a meeting with DIAC. Six high ranking officials attended the meeting.

DIAC was appreciative of the efforts of ATC representatives assisting with resettlement and working with the local agencies and Christmas island..

Officials will look into the possibility of obtaining authority from the department by a few members to take the detainees in Villawood and other states detention centre to Community events, churches, temples etc

Offered that ATC will be in a good position to work with DIAC if they need some input in the assessment process and we are willing to assist

Requested if there is a possibility of a quota under Humanitarian visas for Tamils- Women at risk visa

Raised concern regarding the time frame for processing for the Tamil claim ants.

Stated strongly that the time requirement of more than 7 – 8 months for security clearances for Tamil claim ants is not reasonable.

Highlighted the current situation in Sri Lanka was clearly unsafe for any Tamils to return. Quoted the US state department report and the fact that there are no international agencies, press allowed and without the third party any reports from the government advising it was safe to return should be dismissed.

Discussed how ATC could constructively engage in a consultative process with the department to assist with the crisis.



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Announcement of ATC's First Annual General Meeting

Regional Chapters Meeting will be held on the same day 26 June 2010

Each chapter shall elect a management committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media officer and a Director to the ATC board at the AGM.

NSW: Red Gum Centre, 2 Lane Street, Wentworthville NSW 2145; Time: **5.30 PM**

QLD: Masonic Temple, 671 Seventeen Miles Rock Rd, Sinnamon Park, QLD 4073; Time: **6.00 PM**

SA: Burnside community centre, 401 Greenhill Rd, Tasmore SA 5065; Time: **4.30 PM**

VIC: St. Jude community Centre, 51 George Street, Scoresby, Victoria 3179; Time: **10.00 AM**

WA: Ilankai Tamil Sangam Hall, 6 Third Avenue, Rossmoyne WA 6148; Time: **11AM**

ATC National Annual General Meeting- 17 July 2010

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman on a joint ticket and amendment of ATC constitution shall be considered at the meeting.

Venue: St. Jude community Centre
51 George Street, Scoresby, Victoria 3179
Time : 2pm

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LEE RHIANNON Greens MP NSW Upper House
GEORGE NEWHOUSE human rights lawyer
BRAMI JEGAN Tamil activist & Sydney University
PHIL GLENDENNING Director, Edmund Rice Centre
MIKE GREWCOCK author, *Border Crimes*
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ATC ACT Chapter Launch Canberra Launch

Our vision

Freedom, Equality and Protection for All Tamils

The strength of ATC lies in the support it receives at the grass root level

Please join us in our crusade for Peace and Justice

on

9 May 2010 (Sunday)

3.00pm-5.00pm

Canberra Tamil Senior Citizens Hall

11 Bramby Street, Isaacs

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National Political Report-cont

Meeting with Officials from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), DIAC and AusAID

ATC representatives attended a meeting organized by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on 22 April 2010 in Canberra for the Tamil Diaspora groups. Senior officials from, DFAT, DIAC and AusAid were present at the meeting.

Representatives articulated similar view points and concerns. The officials, in general, were aware of the matters we were raising and responded to most of our concerns with sympathy and consideration

The following is a brief summary of the key issues discussed by all participants

Although we can't expect anything tangible out of a single meeting like this, consistently conveying our concerns and views might make some impact on the long-run. The officials said that the Foreign Minister had asked for regular meetings with the Tamil Diaspora .

Political situation in Sri Lanka

- Serious concerns about the way Government of Sri Lanka acted so far - treatment of alleged combatants (keenness for extra information on this subject was expressed), IDPs, HSZ, colonization, Buddhist temples, destroying Tamil symbols etc)

Minister's statement does not refer to the Tamils either as a community or as a minority in addressing the problem.

- Sinhalese-Buddhist supremacy in successive constitutions –the need for constitutional reform to make Tamils equal citizens

- Reasonable political solution where every citizen is treated as equal – nothing will happen without Australia, US and UK working together

- De-militarization, reducing the size of the army, HR investigations, accountability and removing immunity for the whole country, establishing constitutional council (17th amendment)

- Reconciliation possible only when the oppressor acknowledges and apologizes

- Australia should deal with TNA, we can bring them in our cost, and will DFAT meet with them raised the issue that FM said last time that Australia won't take the lead role, but now that UK and USA are asking for war crimes investigations, Australia should add voice to it (resolution of war crimes is an important part of reconciliation)

- GOSL almost has got 2/3rd majority – Australia should ask for constitutional reform

- Tamils are still fighting for freedom; we want to cooperate with Australia in achieving reconciliation in Sri Lanka – actually what is needed is truth and reconciliation (understanding our feelings), but there is a need for serious solution/proposal (not an eye wash), Tamils should accept the solution with confidence not due to desperation

VKR resolution in Australia. Australia is accepting our aspirations as Tamils however the Tamils in Sri Lanka should be allowed to vote for an internationally monitored VKR referendum

DFAT was aware and up-dated on all issues we raised. But they say their primary focus at present is on the re-settlement of the displaced people.

Suspension of Refugee Processing

Expressed great dissatisfaction and anger among the Tamil community about the government declaration of normalcy returning to Tamils in Sri Lanka. Real political solution is the key (for removing push factors).

Request to re-settle the Merak people in Australia;

DIAC official advised the review of suspension in three months will be on a case by case approach.

Australian Foreign Aid:

Educational scholarships, setting-up institutes like TAFE , Aid should be linked to human rights and good governance. The need for Tamil diaspora to be involved in AusAid projects on rehabilitation and resettlement.

The officials advised that re-settlement is the focus and aid has been increased from \$34 million to \$57 million. No direct aid is given to the government.



Global Tamil Forum

Global Tamil Forum on Sri Lanka Election: Low Tamil turnout reflects their disillusion in the Sri Lankan political system

[Press Release](#)

An article from last year to remember our anguish....

The silent suffering of Sri Lanka's Tamils- by Roy Ratnavel

In May of this year, during the final stages of a brutal ethnic civil war between the Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan government, a so-called "humanitarian rescue" of civilians was undertaken by Sri Lanka's armed forces. More than 20,000 Tamil civilians trapped in the conflict zone were massacred.

Thousands of dead are children, and most of them died before they even knew that they were Tamils. Scores of people died in bunkers, or were burned alive and bombed in open spaces. People were also shot at close range by the Sri Lankan army. Sri Lanka had no qualms about using heavy weapons to bombard the very people it claimed to be rescuing. According to some reports, the army even used illegal chemical weapons. The survivors -- many of them maimed and malnourished -- were sent to government-run Tamil "welfare villages," which for some proved to be extermination camps. For survivors, it seems there can be no closure, no dignity, no respect. Many remain effectively as prisoners - cut off from the outside world and, in some cases, subjected to torture, summary execution and starvation. About 1,400 people are believed to be dying every week, and some girls and women have become pregnant due to rape. Even some of the doctors treating the sick and wounded in the conflict zone were not spared.

[Full Article](#)

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What next after VKR by Eelam Tamils

With the successful completion of the Referendum in Australia in mid April, the voting on the Vaddukoddai Resolution of 1976 by Eelam Tamil Diaspora has been completed in most of the countries where the Eelam Tamil Diaspora lives in large numbers. The results have been consistent everywhere. The overwhelming majority of those entitled to vote registered to participate and almost the entirety of them voted "YES" for an independent Eelam. This was a very successful way the Tamils of Eelam expressing their aspirations at a time when the Sri Lankan Government was celebrating the military victory against LTTE and suppressing the Eelam Tamils more than ever before. The Tamils in Eelam showed their response by the virtual boycott of all the elections (the Jaffna Municipal Council Elections, the Presidential elections and the Parliamentary Elections) and the Eelam Tamil Diaspora has shown its response by the VKR Referenda.

The very high media response to the above (even more than for the war of oppression by the Sri Lankan Government) shows the growing concern among the International Public because the Establishments of the world including the UN have continued with their assistance to the GOSL (Government of Sri Lanka) for the continued and intensified suppression of Eelam Tamils. There is no other way to explain the concern of the Media which is also owned by the Establishments. Some may have been fooled by acts like the presence of the Political leaders of the Establishment Parties in GTF conferences and the like (for the purpose of the pending elections as is the practice in all the democracies including Australia) but the reality is otherwise as has been clearly shown by the delay of the Expert Panel (Palitha Kohona is reported to have said it will never be appointed) to advise Ban ki Moon (it is not even an inquiry as in the case of Gaza where 1400 were killed compared to 50000 in 5 months in Eelam) and the switching of policy in the case of refugees by the Australian Government, just to mention as examples.

So what next is very important. VKR can be implemented ONLY IN THE TERRITORY OF EELAM and for that the Right of Self Determination of the Tamils in Eelam needs to be recognized. We need to carry a relentless campaign among the International Public on this subject without depending on the Establishments or the Traditional Two Establishment Parties to deliver. It is noteworthy how the two Establishment parties in Sri Lanka cooperated even without the traditional

nominal opposition in the election of the Speaker and other officials in the same manner they had been cooperating for the extension of Emergency rule even one year after defeat of LTTE and for that matter on the continuation of the Genocide. Also it is noteworthy how the two Establishment Parties are cooperating in the Refugee issue in Australia. Make no mistake, the Dual Establishment Parties will always unite everywhere for the preservation of the Establishments. Equally, Make no mistake, National Liberation is against the Establishment and that is the reason for the support of the Governments of the World to the GOSL for the defeat of the LTTE.

It is difficult for many of us to see the future beyond the Establishments and the Dual Establishment Parties. The reality is that the Dual Establishment Parties everywhere are finding it very difficult to meet the Present Economic Crisis or the Environmental Crisis of Climate Change. Make no mistake, these two are very serious crises and no resolution is possible without a THIRD WAY. The International Public is exploring the Third Way in different ways depending on the circumstances. The good showing by the Liberals in the UK opinion polls is no accident. We can see more of it when the Election results are declared. For that matter see what happened in Tasmania recently. The Maoists in India are also leading towards a Third Way. The Boycott of Elections by Eelam Tamils, even without Pirabakaran, is also an expression of the Third Way. In the Parliamentary Elections in Sri Lanka the Sinhalese also seem to appreciate this Third Way. The Development of a Multi Polar world is also a Third Way compared to the Bi polar Cold War. So let us approach the International Public who is also considering a Third Way and campaign for the Recognition of the Right of Self Determination of Eelam Tamils in Particular and of Nations without State in general. The Unity of all Nations without State can be great International Third Force in addition to the Oppressor forces and the Resistances of the Oppressed.

No struggle will succeed without Unity and the Unity becomes stronger if it is based on a single organization for a single minded objective. Our single minded objective now is the Recognition of the Right of Self Determination of Eelam Tamils and let the single organization be GTF which is already established. We all have other different ideas of the future but all of them can wait till the Right of Self Determination is recognized and Eelam Established. Let us have an open mind and work with all those who support our single minded objective without prejudices and allergies and above all without ignorance. **by Ram Mohan**

The Resistance National Conference

The Resistance National Conference 2010, titled "The World Can't Wait" took place from April 24th to April 26th at the Thirroul Community Centre, Wollongong. On the 26th of April there was a workshop titled "National self-determination struggles: Palestine and Tamil Eelam" The conveners for the workshop was Isaac Shuisha, Israeli citizen and Palestine solidarity activist and Mr. Seran Sribalan - an Tamil activist.

The workshop on Tamil Eelam was based on the history of Srilanka post independence. The numerous acts that came into place by the Srilankan Government that took away the basic rights of Tamil people were discussed at length. The workshop highlighted the importance of VKR 1976 where Tamil people voted for a separate nation, based on their right to self determination.

In both workshops there were many parallels in the ways which oppressing governments work. A need to take action against the oppressor was expressed by the audience of 20 - 30 Resistance members.

Resistance members congratulated the Tamil Community for their success at the recently held VKR Referendum, and also expressed a keen interest to participate in the one year anniversary of the May Massacre of 2009.

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In the past, only a fraction of Tamils have participated in politically active groups. Today the need is for a united and concerted action. We need to draw the silent majority and fresh blood into political awareness to convey the collective view of our community effectively.

We have some major projects and we cannot succeed without membership numbers and the funds that can generate! We are aware that a strong membership base is paramount to have a viable platform to make an impact. We earnestly request your help at this critical time to join our efforts. Being member of ATC, you will be entitled to participate in various ATC working groups and influence the direction.

You can contribute in various ways to our long-, medium- and short-term activities in humanitarian, legal, political, community, and communication fronts.

Please join us in our crusade for peace and justice by having your family and friends join ATC!

Articles to the National Newsletter

Please send us your views and creations to be included in our Newsletters to

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Australian Tamil Congress: On a Crusade for Peace and Justice

Vision

“Australian Tamil Congress is formed in order to create a congress of our people, for our people and by our people based on the principles of justice and peace amongst ourselves, and to provide for a common voice in promoting our general welfare, prosperity, independence, equality, security and peace”

Mission

“The Australian Tamil Congress encourages the positive participation of Tamils in Australian society, highlights issues of importance to Tamils, upholds core Australian values and engages other communities, governments and organisations in addressing the socio-cultural and political concerns of Tamils.”

Objective

“As part of an international Tamil human rights and political organization dedicated to generating change through ‘Collective Global Tamil’ action to institute and educate people on Tamils’ right to survival and self-determination, and to promote the safety, welfare, economic development of Tamils worldwide; and to teach the lessons of the Tamil Genocide in Sri Lanka for future generations.”

