



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Mr Shoebridge says—

Mr PRESIDENT:

I give notice that on the next sitting day I will move:

That this House notes that:

(1) That this House notes that:

- (a) India's Constitution commits it to democracy, equality, secularism, asymmetrical federalism and the protection of civil liberties, including freedom of speech and religious freedom,
- (b) despite this, in December 2019, India enacted the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 which discriminates on the grounds of religion in the provision of citizenship,
- (c) the citizenship legislation is effectively being used to revoke the citizenship of religious minorities and will result in statelessness for many vulnerable and marginalised groups,
- (d) large numbers of people have been declared to be 'foreigners', detained, and left at risk of statelessness by citizenship 'verification' processes of questionable legality, and
- (e) protests and dissent have been met with an authoritarian government response and civil liberties have been dramatically curtailed.

(2) That this House calls on the Australian Government to:

- (a) require an ongoing dialogue as part of its broader engagement with the Modi administration that critically reviews Indian Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, and
- (b) renegotiate trade agreements between Australia and India so that they include a human rights clause.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_