

# Stop the deportation of Australian mothers and their children into abusive situations



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*“I’m Kate\*, an Australian woman who was held against my will in Europe, by my abusive partner while I was pregnant. Because of his violence, there were medical complications in my pregnancy and I was forced to give birth in Europe.*

Despite the abuse, under the Hague Convention, Kate and her baby (both Australian citizens) may be deported to the country of their abuser. Studies show that **over 70% of the time Australian courts knowingly deport Australian mothers and children into abusive situations under the Hague Convention.** The Australian courts do not consider domestic violence or abuse as valid reasons to stay home.

Australia’s laws must be amended to protect vulnerable mothers and children. The courts cannot continue to place the lives of mothers and children at risk. Australian politicians have the power to protect hundreds of Australian mothers and children in similar situations through legislative change.

**Please sign the petition and call on Australian politicians, such as Julian Leeser (02) 9980 1822,** to urgently pass a law that supersedes The Hague Convention, and allows Australian mothers and children, who have experienced abuse abroad, to stay home in Australia, where they are safe.

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