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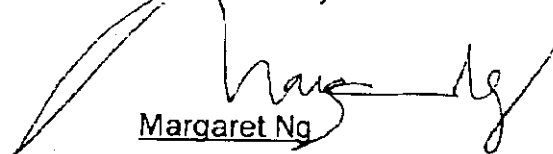
Race Discrimination Bill

I write in my capacity as Chairman of the Bills Committee for your personal attention in the above captioned Bill. Seventeen meetings have already been held on the bill. Members have heard numerous deputations, expressed strong concerns in various areas and taken the trouble to prepare an interim report setting out 4 major areas requiring amendment. Regrettably, the Government still appears to be totally intransigent against any modification. At yesterday's meeting, there was a strong feeling among members that the Government is wasting our time.

This is a major bill concerning fundamental rights which has engaged wide public interest and international attention. Some 26 organisations have made oral and written submissions to the Bills Committee, many of them twice. It is vital for us to make progress and enact a creditable bill.

I now appeal to you to give the matter your personal attention and see how matters can advance. To save your time, I enclose the Interim Report and potential CSAs drafted by our Legal Adviser under members' consideration for your reference. I am of course prepared to give such further assistance including meeting in private as you may suggest.

Yours sincerely


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