

7 December 2007

Mr P Le  
Viet Tan (NSW)

## Message - International Human Rights Day 2007

Gathered here today in Freedom Plaza are men and women who value freedom and human rights.

You care enough to come here today to rally for the cause of democracy, transparency, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion.

Those human rights are not the rights that the people of Vietnam are allowed to enjoy.

A country which imprisons religious leaders – Buddhist, Catholic, Protestant – is a country without moral or spiritual values.

A country which imprisons its critics, its dissidents and opposition political party members and supporters of Viet Tan is a country that is afraid of the truth.

But the truth will come to President Nguyen Minh Triet and the communist regime. It can be delayed, slowed, interfered with, but it can never be stopped.

This International Human Rights Day across the world we call for an end to the abuses of human rights and the restoration of freedom in Vietnam.

We are many and we are the friends of truth, liberty and democracy.



Julia Irwin MP  
Federal Member for Fowler

