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Senator the Hon Marise Payne
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Dear Minister,

Support for the request that you impose targeted sanctions on Myanmar's military leaders and their business interests

The Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT) welcomed the passage of the legislation in December 2021 which enable targeted sanctions to be imposed by the Australian Government against serious human rights abusers.

We believe that the use of targeted sanctions by Australia and other nations against Russian leaders and business interests in response to the invasion of Ukraine and the targeting of civilians is an appropriate means of seeking to dissuade the Russian government from the egregious actions for which it is responsible.

FASSTT also requests the Australian Government consider the use of sanctions to respond to the terrible and large-scale human rights abuses inflicted by the military leaders of Myanmar on many of their citizens over many years.

FASSTT is a network of Australia's specialist rehabilitation agencies that work with survivors of torture and trauma who have come to Australia, many of them from Myanmar. They are greatly distressed at what has happened and continues to happen to their families and communities who remain in Myanmar.

We are aware that six non-governmental organisations have written to request the Australian Government employ the new powers to impose targeted sanctions on Myanmar's military leaders and their business interests, as a number of other governments have done.

FASSTT strongly supports this request.

We note that as well as naming certain leaders who should be subject to sanctions, the organisations suggest that the government determine whether other officials and military personnel are implicated in abuses and should be sanctioned. FASSTT supports this as well. In particular, community members have advised us that a number of individuals who are "Regional Commanders" bear a direct responsibility for serious human rights violations. FASSTT also strongly supports this request.

Yours faithfully,



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