

Statement attributable to the Free Kylie Moore-Gilbert group

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Friends and colleagues of Dr Kylie Moore-Gilbert welcome Foreign Minister Marise Payne's decision to break her silence on Kylie's incarceration in Qarchak prison in Iran.

Although Foreign Minister Payne has now stated that Kylie has food and water in Qarchak prison, we remind the Australian government that this was never in doubt. The question is whether that water is clean, because bought bottled water is the only safe drinking water in Qarchak.

Reports in *The Times* this weekend suggested Kylie did not have money to buy water or food. We remind the government that Kylie's dietary intolerances also means that standard prison food will make her sick.

Today marks one month since we sounded the alarm over Kylie's transfer to Qarchak prison, and we see no evidence that the government has secured any improvement in her conditions.

We are growing increasingly concerned that the Australian government has accepted Kylie's incarceration in Qarchak prison, the 'worst women's prison in the world', as her new normal. Its current strategy has failed even to protect the most fundamental rights of this Australian citizen abroad.

We call on the Australian government to:

- Immediately investigate whether Kylie has sufficient funds to buy bottled water and suitable food, and to remedy this problem if the reports are found to be correct;
- Address how the Australian government intends to protect Kylie from the serious COVID-19 outbreak in Qarchak prison;
- Assure the Australian public that the government has a clear plan to bring Kylie home this year;
- Explore all diplomatic options that may lead to a resolution of this horrific situation for Kylie and family

Ultimately, we as Australian citizens rely on our government to protect us when we travel for work or recreation. What has happened to Kylie could happen to any Australian.