

8 November 2021

The Hon Alex Hawke
Minister for Immigration
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Via email: alex.hawke.mp@aph.gov.au

Dear Minister,

RE: Visa for adopted son of Afghan refugees in Australia

The NSW Council for Civil Liberties were concerned to [read via ABC news](#) (September 19) and the Kaldor Centre an allegation that the adopted son of two recognised refugees from Afghanistan had not been granted a visa, when the couple and their natural children have been.

I am writing to ask whether the account is correct, and if so, why no visa was granted, given that under Australian law a child adopted anywhere is considered the child of the adoptive parents, and that the boy is in as much danger as his parents. Could you tell me also please if the situation has changed?

Yours sincerely,



Pauline Wright
President
NSW Council for Civil Liberties