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AUSTRALIAN GREENS
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To: Gianni Infantino
President of FIFA

CC: FIFA Legal & Compliance Division

by email

Dear Mr. Gianni Infantino,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Australian Greens, to express our deep concern for human rights abuses that have occurred in Qatar, and particularly those affiliated with the FIFA world cup.

In 2010, there was worldwide shock that the 2022 World Cup would be held in Qatar. It only had little infrastructure, but most importantly, the desert-like temperature created concern about fans, footballers, and workers.

Human Rights Watch reports that low-paid migrants made up 90% of Qatar's workforce. Given its role as a global organisation, FIFA had the opportunity to create strict rules about the workforce used to develop the infrastructure required for the World Cup and protect workers. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

The information we have received is that between 6,750 and 15,000 workers have died while building stadiums and hospitality venues that will be used for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Additionally, many migrant workers are undertaking construction work through the 'Kalafa', a bonded labour scheme in Qatar. This scheme has been criticised by Human Rights Organisations for creating opportunities for workers to be exploited, with employers able to monitor workers, withhold wages, and take away passports with limited opportunity for legal repercussions.

The Australian Greens will always promote human rights and call out those who do not support them.

We are calling on FIFA to support the establishment of a compensation and remedy fund of US\$440 million (matching the FIFA World Cup price) for migrant workers, and for the families of those workers who have died. We also request that you make a public statement available on your website in support of migrant workers' rights, compensation, and non-repetition of human rights abuses in future World Cups. We will also be writing to Football Australia to request that they support this call.



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We look forward to hearing how FIFA will address these human rights violations.

Kind regards,

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Senator Jordon Steele-John

Australian Greens spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, Peace and Nuclear Disarmament

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Senator Lidia Thorpe

Australian Greens spokesperson for Sport

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Senator David Shoebridge

Australian Greens spokesperson for Justice

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Senator Barbara Pocock

Australian Greens spokesperson for Employment

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Senator Mehreen Faruqi

Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens