



STATEMENT

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CRUEL DECISION NEEDS TO BE OVERTURNED

Labor is calling on Immigration Minister Peter Dutton to immediately explain why he is refusing to let a dying young man be reunited with his mother and brother.

Twenty-five year-old Hassan Asif has been in Australia on a student visa and has been told he has only weeks to live as a result of a terminal illness.

On the face of it, it seems a cruel and callous decision to refuse his Pakistani-based mother and brother a visa to visit Mr Asif.

This appears to be a disgraceful and heartless decision.

Mr Dutton needs to immediately intervene and sort out this bureaucratic bungle.

If there is a legitimate national security risk that should be made clear. Otherwise, common sense and compassion should prevail.

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