

Subject: Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014
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Dear Senators,

I'm writing to express my firm view that the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 should be opposed.

I believe it will cause further significant harm to people who have already suffered more than most Australians in comfortable suburbia can imagine, and it would clearly be an abuse of power by Minister Morrison.

I refer you to the briefing provided by the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre which details important, clearly stated objections to this bill (attached).

My personal view as a voter, a mother and grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt - and teacher - is that this bill seeks to entrench a narrow-minded, soulless, insular and inhumane response to a world-wide problem. It is abhorrent to me that my country rejects courageous, intelligent people who have used all their resources and initiative to escape persecution, and couches this abuse of power in officialese, trying to hide the shame of it in bureaucracy.

I ask you to represent my view in your deliberations and to make an outward-looking, creative and compassionate response to this complex problem.

With every best wish,
Louise Segrave