



**Australian
Human Rights
Commission**

President
Professor Gillian Triggs

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Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House, Canberra
via email legcon.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary,

Re: Inquiry into conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea

The Australian Human Rights Commission welcomes the opportunity to provide input to this inquiry. We wish to draw the Committee's attention to a range of Commission publications which are relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference.

The Commission made a submission to the 2015 inquiry into the responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru. We have also published a number of other reports and submissions since 2012 relating to the conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees subject to third country processing in Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

A list of relevant Commission publications is provided as an attachment to this letter. I would be happy to provide further information and evidence to the Committee as needed.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Triggs
President

ATTACHMENT: Commission publications on issues relating to third country processing

Reports and papers

The health and well-being of children in immigration detention (February 2016)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/publications/health-and-well-being-children-immigration>

The Forgotten Children: National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014 (February 2015)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/projects/national-inquiry-children-immigration-detention-index>

Asylum seekers, refugees and human rights: Snapshot report 2013 (2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/publications/asylum-seekers-refugees-and-human-rights-snapshot>

Human rights issues raised by the third country processing regime (March 2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/rights-and-freedoms/publications/human-rights-issues-raised-third-country-processing-regime>

Submissions

Submission to the Inquiry into the responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru (April 2015)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/submission-inquiry-responsibilities-commonwealth-government-connection-management-and>

Submission to the Inquiry into the incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February (May 2014)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/inquiry-incident-manus-island-detention-centre-16-february-18-february-2014>

Submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Manus Island Regional Processing Centre Proposal (April 2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/manus-island-regional-processing-centre-proposal>

Submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' Examination of the Migration (Regional Processing) package of legislation (January 2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/examination-migration-regional-processing-package-legislation>