

**Subject:** Asylum seekers legislation  
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I am writing to you to express my concern over the government's proposed bill regarding processing of asylum seekers in Australia

As a proud member of the Australian community I am appalled, shocked and ashamed at our government's lack of compassion, lack of procedural fairness and disregard of international obligations and international law. I agree with the Asylum Seekers Advocates who oppose this action and bill, with these basic arguments.

We strongly oppose the Bill on two key principles:

1. ***Abuse of Power*** – *It will see the Minister give himself an unprecedented level of power to make life or death decisions about individual asylum seeker cases, without court oversight.*
2. ***Harm to People*** – *It will cause significant mental suffering and see people returned to danger, persecution, torture and death in their home countries.*

Please add my voice to the many many thousands who want to see real and humane change and who want to stop this government from its current destructive course if action.

Sincerely

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