

I forward my concerns regarding the policies and management of immigration detention in Australia.

I am an Australian who is proud to be an Australian. However, I am not proud of the processes involved in and the policies attached to the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.

I agree that people seeking asylum and permanent or temporary residency in Australia need to be questioned and details of their needs analysed. I also agree that not all of these refugees and asylum seekers will qualify to stay in Australia. However, I do not agree with the current process of mandatory indefinite detention. I request that these people be processed immediately on arrival (within 3 months) and then either assisted into finding a home in Australia or being taken back to the country they came from. The 'lock up' nature of the immigration detention centres in Australia is appalling and degrading to the human race. Mandatory detention is cruel and inhumane. Nauru is isolated. The processing of refugees should take upmost priority in the fair and equitable treatment of all people in Australia.

I know that Australia and it's leaders seek for the better of all mankind. And I look forward to the day when I have nothing to be ashamed about in the treatment of any person in Australia.

Kind Regards,

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