

To: Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Subject: **the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment
(Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014 Inquiry**

I oppose this Bill because it gives the Minister unprecedented powers with no oversight by the Courts which is a vital part of our Westminster system of government.

It will cause great harm to refugees, already vulnerable and fearful in that it offers no solution to their problem, only further hardship in the form of temporary protection visas, lack of a fair hearing, "fast-tracking" processes and a cap on permanent protection visas.

As a signatory to the Refugee Convention, Australia has a commitment to accept those who are fleeing danger and with the onset of climate change it is undeniable that we will need to reassess our current approach to this issue. Regional solutions and a compassionate response to vulnerable people is the only way forward.

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