

Subject: Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014
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To the Committee Secretariat
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Secretariat:

Re the proposed Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014

We wish to express our strong opposition to this proposed amendment which we see as an attempt to deprive asylum seekers of the just and fair treatment to which they are entitled under the Geneva Convention on Refugees (1951).

This measure would deny the values upon which our society stands of humanitarianism and decency towards those who come to us seeking refuge from persecution.

They deserve a sympathetic hearing rather than a cursory interrogation biased towards rejection of their claims without appeal to the courts.

We hope that this measure as it stands will never become law.

Yours sincerely

Walter and Patricia Phillips