

Hi,

As above.

- I wish to be recorded as making a personal submission strongly opposed to this vital legislation being REPEALED.
- As a member of *Canberra Refugee Support (Inc)*, I have direct experience of the fragile condition of asylum and refugee mental health over a number of years. In many ways these experiences have mirrored some of those on Manus Island and on Nauru.
- I am a retired (2013) teacher with nearly 30 years of professional experience teaching English to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.
- This piece of legislation – passed earlier this year by the Australian Parliament, provides lifesaving treatment for some of the most vulnerable peoples in this detention centres.
- It is targeted (and limited only to Manus and Nauru present detainees), is well thought out and is supported overwhelmingly by medical and legal experts.
- I have heard *Professor Kerry Phelps*, former MHR speak in detail this year about the crafting of this legislation and am convinced that it MUST remain as a piece of Australian Federal legislation.
- Do NOT repeal this legislation.

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