

Committee Secretary

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Australian Border Force Bill 2015

I am an Australian born citizen; a mother of three and the grandmother of one. My request of this committee is close consideration of the cruel travesties against women and children Asylum Seekers that occurred within and outside our borders; at the hands of Government sanctioned workers.

It is my opinion that the assaults, rapes, child abuse and mental health issues, now tabled before the parliament, would never have been known outside the confines of the perimeter fences of the detention centres; if the already existing secrecy commitments of workers, and support services, had not been ignored. We have all been witness to the public humiliation of those who bravely spoke out.

Can you ensure that the secrecy provisions of this current bill, Part 6. 42, will not further entrench the mistreatment of those hidden from view by the government; and continue the downward slide of our nation's alienation on the world stage?

Thank you,

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