



**Australian  
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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
Parliament House, Canberra  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

**Re: Inquiry into conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees at the regional processing centres in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea**

The Australian Human Rights Commission welcomes the opportunity to provide input to this inquiry. We wish to draw the Committee's attention to a range of Commission publications which are relevant to the inquiry's terms of reference.

The Commission made a submission to the 2015 inquiry into the responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru. We have also published a number of other reports and submissions since 2012 relating to the conditions and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees subject to third country processing in Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

A list of relevant Commission publications is provided as an attachment to this letter. I would be happy to provide further information and evidence to the Committee as needed.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Triggs  
**President**

## **ATTACHMENT: Commission publications on issues relating to third country processing**

### ***Reports and papers***

The health and well-being of children in immigration detention (February 2016)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/publications/health-and-well-being-children-immigration>

The Forgotten Children: National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014 (February 2015)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/projects/national-inquiry-children-immigration-detention-index>

Asylum seekers, refugees and human rights: Snapshot report 2013 (2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/publications/asylum-seekers-refugees-and-human-rights-snapshot>

Human rights issues raised by the third country processing regime (March 2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/rights-and-freedoms/publications/human-rights-issues-raised-third-country-processing-regime>

### ***Submissions***

Submission to the Inquiry into the responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government in connection with the management and operation of the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru (April 2015)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/submission-inquiry-responsibilities-commonwealth-government-connection-management-and>

Submission to the Inquiry into the incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16 February to 18 February (May 2014)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/inquiry-incident-manus-island-detention-centre-16-february-18-february-2014>

Submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Manus Island Regional Processing Centre Proposal (April 2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/manus-island-regional-processing-centre-proposal>

Submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' Examination of the Migration (Regional Processing) package of legislation (January 2013)

<https://www.humanrights.gov.au/submissions/examination-migration-regional-processing-package-legislation>