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I was a para legal researcher for the Woomera lawyers group from 2002-2007 and was part of the team who put together the high court appeal case which is now known as Al Kateb, one of the most evil pieces of law in any country in the world that allows for permanent imprisonment for completely innocent people at the whim of one minister of the crown.

Now we have the horror show that is the Mark 11 so-called Pacific Solution which the parliamentary human rights committee recently ruled to be unlawful, unreasonable and disproportionate for purpose as there is no such thing as a refugee deterrence convention no matter how many times whining Australian politicians think there is. I attach that convention for the committee to read and I attach the so-called smuggling protocol and advise which is to prevent the punishment of migrants trafficked against their wills to other countries, it does not mean the brutal trafficking of innocent people to be tortured and murdered in other countries.

This Australian parliament is no better than a tin-pot dictatorship with no interest in the rule of law, human rights or even common decency.

Australia is now pre-1948 when the Universal Declaration of human rights was passed as a universal treaty, it is back in 1938 when T White went to the Evian Conference and said of Jewish refugees "" we do not have a racial problem and are not desirous of importing one", we are assisting genocide just as we did with the Jewish people who then perished in the most gruesome organised genocide in modern times.

The notion that Australia alone in the world has the right to traffic human beings to other countries in breach of the many laws outlined by the parliamentary cross party committee is morally and legally repugnant, the lawless and criminal committee needs to remember it is supposed to be the Legal and Constitutional committee and stop allowing laws and policies that are tantamount to deliberate murder.

What will you do if a baby dies of dengue fever on Nauru after this committee has approved their murder? Will a single one of this committed lose one minute of sleep or is the life of a single refugee child simply not worth considering.

Shame on every member of this racist committee.

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