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Endorsement

The Diocese of Parramatta endorses the submission by the Anti-Slavery Project at the University of Technology, Sydney to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Bill 2009.

As the Social Justice Coordinator of the Diocese I have long been involved in issues associated with refugees and asylum seekers. We currently support the House of Welcome, a place of support, referrals and accommodation for asylum seekers and refugees and we have a programme for African New Arrivals involving counselling, education and family support, youth activities and spiritual support.

In addition to this, the Diocese has had an on-going interest in the work of the Anti-Slavery Project at UTS. Staff members and parishioners have attended their seminars, supported their petitions and their work. Without Jennifer Burn, and the members of the Anti-Slavery Project, people trafficked into Australia would be in a far worse position. We need legislation which protects the victims of trafficking and gives them all the supports their human rights require.

With best wishes for your Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Social Justice Coordinator
Director of Caritas
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