

Australian Senate's Inquiry into Offshore Processing

Dear Senators, in accepting our submission, we hope that the Committee considers our concerns about the refugees/asylum seekers in offshore detention on Nauru.

We are deeply concerned about the following aspects:

1. The reported ongoing psychological and physical harms suffered by incarcerated people on Nauru (denial of human rights, contraventions of international law, high cost of living, poor medical facilities, lack of educational facilities, crimes against detainees).
2. The nature of the \$2.5 billion, 30-year agreement between the Government of Nauru and the Government of Australia to deport and resettle non-citizens.
3. The lack of transparency and accountability surrounding the everyday running of off-shore detention.
4. Appalling levels of expenditure on private corporations, which parallel other aspects of the corporate capture of successive Australian governments. In particular, there are serious concerns about MTC, which in our view should never have been awarded the contract. Reportedly inadequate oversight by the Australian Government of the everyday management of Nauru facilities.
5. Reported corruption: a secret AUSTRAC report accuses the Government of knowing about Nauru corruption, noting suspicions of "corruption and money laundering" after detection of "a rapid movement of large volume and value of funds." (Hansard, 25th November, 2025.)

Thank you for receiving our submission. We are available to provide additional information at the convenience of the Commission.

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