

Dear Madams/Sirs

I am making this submission as an individual and Australian national. I was born in Croatia, Yugoslavia and immigrated to Australia in 1970 with my family.

I have served as a member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) for 11 years and as United Nations Staff Member for 11 years:

- United Nations Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (UNICTR)

- United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK); Department of Peacekeeping and Operations (DPKO)

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Sudan, and

- United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) Indonesia.

-I would like to inform the committee of the following. During my tenure in within the UN, I have informed DFAT of wasted/corrupt use of Australian Taxpayer aid money and received no reply.

-I can confirm that while deployed in Sudan that those seeking entry into Australia are related or known as members or family members of the Sudan's Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA). Genuine refugees have no access to Kenya were a majority of the applicants sought and received approval for entry into Australia.

-I can confirm that so called 'asylum seekers' have entered Malaysia (Flight/No visa requirement dependent upon country) who have then entered Indonesia with the sole purpose of seeking economic access to 'centerlink' payments. There are inferences of Indonesian Police collusion in these activities. Example: Five Afghans flew from Medan via Jakarta to Papua province without ID? This raises concerns of airline security in addition to institutional collusion noting this matter was only reported when the subjects arrived in Papua (foreigners require a travel permit to enter Papua; irrespective of visa noting these individuals had no visa at all and the cost of such an undertaking was 2 thousand dollars?)

-I can confirm that IOM/UNHCR houses these so called asylum seekers in hotels and accommodation (Australian Taxpayer funded) above the norm of the average Indonesian. They are not controlled nor are they guarded and the UNHCR has proof of the fraudulent misuse of holographic UN ID cards re 'refugee'. I can confirm that a majority are males (Afghans) some who have verbally abused and sought sex from UN and IOM female staff due to so called Islamic views of women.

In conclusion, it is ironic that as a businessman currently in Bali, we receive a steady stream of afghans who utilise 'western union' money transfers to pay for what I can term as holidays before departure to Australia.

To clearly ensure my message is understood, the current system is corrupt, enables ex members of the Taliban or deserters from the Afghan National Army (ANA) entry into our communities. The Australian taxpayer is burdened by waste, corruption; which perpetuates such activities. Ultimately, it is our communities that have to bear the social, criminal impact of decisions made by those on behalf of the taxpayer. I am not privy to the historical criminal and centre link statistics of asylum

seekers entering our communities; however, from information available via 'Freedom of Information Act (FIA) a conclusion is reachable.

As a recommendation, those who flew to Malaysia hold a different status then those who travelled by boat (no records) from Afghanistan/Pakistan or road routes (no UN records). This infers we can draw a conclusion that those in Refugee camps in Pakistan are clearly not the 'recipients of assistance' compared to those that travel by paid flight to Malaysia.

This submission is short and direct to the point, noting my view that the failure of government policy on this matter is at the expense of the Australian community.

Regards