



Timeline of action taken by the Australian Human Rights Commission on immigration matters between 2010 and 2014

Date of action	Matter
04.2010	Submission to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Protection of the rights of the child in the context of migration
09.04.2010	Media release – 'Suspension of processing asylum seekers raises serious concerns'
28.05.2010	7 day visit to 3 Immigration facilities on Christmas Island
20.06.2010	Media release – 'World Refugee Day should remind us of our responsibilities to people seeking asylum'
06.07.2010	Media release - 'More detail needed on new asylum seeker policy'
06.07.2010	Submission by the Australian Human Rights Commission under the Universal Periodic Review process - 2010 Taking stock of Australia's human rights record:
04.09.2010	Letter from President Branson to the Committee against Torture regarding issues for Australia
06.09.2010	5 day visit to 5 immigration facilities in Northern Territory
30.09.2010	Media release – 'Lifting the suspension of processing of Afghan asylum claims a positive step'
18.10.2010	Media release – 'Plans to move children from immigration detention facilities welcomed'
29.10.2010	Report - 2010 Immigration detention on Christmas Island
19.11.2010	Media release – 'Still more to do to protect children's rights'
23.11.2010	4 day visit to Leonora Alternative Place of Detention (WA)
14.12.2010	Media release - Concerns raised about Darwin immigration detention facilities
14.12.2010	Report - Summary of observations from visits to immigration detention facilities in Darwin – 2010 Immigration detention in Darwin
15.02.2011	Media release - 'Hot, dusty, remote location should not be used to detain children'

15.02.2011	Report - Summary of observations from visit to immigration detention facility in Leonora – 2011 Immigration detention in Leonora
21.02.2011	3 day visit to Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (NSW)
24.02.2011	Visit to Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (NSW)
24.02.2011	Media release – ‘Commission welcomes moves to improve complementary protection as a good first step’
17.03.2011	Media release – ‘Time to rethink our mandatory detention system’
04.2011	Submission to the Independent Review of the Intelligence Community
01.04.2011	Letter from President Branson to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding the mental health of people in immigration detention
09.05.2011	Media release – ‘Commission raises concerns about sending asylum seekers to Malaysia’
16.05.2011	5 day visit to Curtin Immigration Detention Centre (WA)
26.05.2011	Report - Summary of observations from visit to immigration detention facilities at Villawood - 2011 Immigration detention at Villawood
26.05.2011	Media release – Self-harm and suicides in immigration detention are major concerns
31.05.2011	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 43 – NK v Commonwealth (DIAC)
31.05.2011	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011
20.06.2011	Media release - ‘Australia must continue to provide safe haven for those seeking hope and a future’
23.06.2011	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Detention Reform and Procedural Fairness) Bill 2011
29.06.2011	Media release - ‘Commission welcomes expansion of community detention’
21.07.2011	Media release - ‘Australia’s immigration detention system continues to breach international human rights obligations’
25.07.2011	Media release – ‘Sending asylum seekers to Malaysia is not the answer to addressing people smuggling’
29.07.2011	Visit to Inverbrackie Alternative Place of Detention (SA)
08.2011	Submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child: Information concerning Australia and the Convention on the Rights of the Child
08.2011	Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Australia’s Immigration Detention Network

16.08.2011	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 44 – Toro-Martinez v Commonwealth (DIAC)
16.08.2011	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 45 - Al Jenabi v Commonwealth (DIAC)
22.08.2011	High Court Intervention - <i>Plaintiff M106/2011 by his Litigation Guardian v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship</i> (Also referred to as Plaintiff M70 /2011 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship; Plaintiff M106 of 2011 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship [2011] HCA 32 (31 August 2011))
22.08.2011	Media release - 'Commission warns against revisiting aspects of 'Pacific Solution''
26.08.2011	Letter from President Branson to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding people with adverse security assessments and people who are stateless
26.08.2011	Letter from President Branson to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding concerns about third country transfer arrangements
31.08.2011	Media Release – 'High Court reinforces responsibility to protect the rights of children'
12.09.2011	Media release – 'Government should not revive Malaysian agreement'
14.09.2011	Submission to the Inquiry into Australia's agreement with Malaysia in relation to asylum seekers
14.09.2011	Media release – Immigration detention system in need of reform
29.09.2011	Report - Observations from visit to Curtin Immigration Detention Centre and key concerns across the detention network 2011 - Immigration detention at Curtin
29.09.2011	Media release – Mental health impacts of indefinite detention a major concern at Curtin detention centre
12.10.2011	Letter from President Branson to Attorney-General the Hon Robert McClelland MP regarding people in immigration detention with adverse ASIO security assessments
14.10.2011	Media release - - 'Processing asylum seekers on the mainland is welcomed'
07.11.2011	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 46 – Yousefi family v Commonwealth (DIAC)
09.11.2011	Letter from President Branson to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding Australia's participation in the UNHCR Ministerial-level meeting in 12.2011
25.11.2011	Media release - 'Bridging visas are a more humane way to treat people seeking protection'
12.2011	Australian Council of Human Rights Agencies (ACHRA) UPR Progress Report
07.02.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 47 – Heyward v Commonwealth (DIAC)

27.02.2012	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Removal of Mandatory Minimum Penalties) Bill 2012
29.02.2012	Media release – ‘Commission welcomes steps towards better monitoring of places of detention’
29.03.2012	Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Consideration of Australia’s ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture
03.04.2012	Media release – ‘Commission welcomes recommendations for further reform of Australia’s immigration detention system’
10.04.2012	Visit to Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (NSW)
11.04.2012	Visit to Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (NSW)
18.04.2012	Visit to 2 immigration facilities in Victoria
04.05.2012	Submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child - Information concerning Australia and the Rights of the Child
18.05.2012	Opinion piece by President Branson - Security rethink can protect refugee rights
18.06.2012	High Court Intervention - <i>Plaintiff M47-2012 v Director General of Security</i> [2012] HCA 46
19.06.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 49 – Cherkupalli v Commonwealth (DIAC)
19.06.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 51 – Brown v Commonwealth (DIAC)
21.06.2012	Media release - ‘Commission welcomes moves towards better protections against torture’
20.07.2012	Submission to the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers
26.07.2012	Report - Community arrangements for asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons: Observations from visits conducted by the Australian Human Rights Commission from 12.2011 to May 2012
27.07.2012	National inquiry report - An age of uncertainty: Inquiry into the treatment of individuals suspected of people smuggling offences who say that they are children
17.08.2012	Commission news story – ‘Migration Act stripped of human rights protections’
12.09.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 52 – SD v Commonwealth (DIAC)
12.09.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 53 – Judy Tuifangaloka v Commonwealth (DIAC)
12.09.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 54 - Pak family v Commonwealth (DIAC)
14.09.2012	Media release – ‘Offshore processing arrangements carry serious human rights concerns’

14.09.2012	Visit to Villawood immigration detention(NSW) and Sydney Immigration Residential Housing
10.2012	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Health Care for Asylum Seekers) Bill 2012
08.10.2012	Media release – ‘Commission welcomes ASIO High Court ruling but urges immediate Government action’
10.10.2012	2 day visit to 5 Christmas Island immigration detention facilities
18.10.2012	Commission news story – ‘Commission welcomes announcement of independent review of adverse security assessments’
29.10.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 55 - BZ and AD v Commonwealth (DIAC)
01.11.2012	Media release – ‘Migration Act amendments undermine Australia’s international law obligations’
11.2012	Report - Observations from visit to immigration detention facilities on Christmas Island 2012 - Immigration detention on Christmas Island
08.11.2012	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding the conditions for asylum seekers on Nauru, and requesting that the Minister facilitate her visiting Nauru
21.11.2012	Media release – ‘Commission raises strong concerns over developments in Australia’s response to asylum seekers’
27.11.2012	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 56 – Sri Lankan refugees in immigration detention with adverse security assessments
27.11.2012	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding a long term hunger strike on Nauru
06.12.2012	Australia’s Universal Periodic Review: Progress report prepared by the Australian Human Rights Commission on behalf of the Australian Council of Human Rights Agencies 2012
13.12.2012	Commission news story – ‘The Immigration detention facilities on Christmas Island are not appropriate for asylum seekers’
14.12.2012	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration and Security Legislation Amendment (Review of Security Assessments) Bill 2012
17.12.2012	Submission on the Migration Amendment (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals and Other Measures) Bill 2012
25.01.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding concerns about the ‘enhanced screening’ process being applied to unauthorised maritime arrivals.
31.01.2013	Submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights’ Examination of the Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing and other Measures) Act 2012 and related Bills and Instruments

07.02.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the newly appointed Minister for Immigration and Citizenship the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, outlining some of the Commission's priorities, including 'concerns about the human rights of asylum seekers held in mandatory immigration detention' and 'the impacts of prolonged or indefinite detention on their mental health and wellbeing.'
03.2013	Issues paper - Human rights issues raised by third country processing regime
06.03.2013	Commission news story – 'Complaints from asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island'
11.03.2013	Letter from President Triggs to Attorney-General the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP regarding the Commission's work relevant to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, including monitoring of immigration detention facilities
04.2013	Fact sheet - Tell Me About: Bridging Visas for Asylum Seekers
04.2013	Report/standards- Human rights standards for immigration detention
03.04.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, regarding continuing concerns about the transfer of asylum seekers to Nauru and Manus Island, including specific concerns about children
11.04.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, reiterating concerns about the use of an 'enhanced screening' process for unauthorised maritime arrivals
12.04.2013	Opinion piece by Professor Triggs – 'Time for rethink on asylum seeker treatment'
19.04.2013	Media release - Screening Sri Lankans out of refugee determination system is the wrong approach
19.04.2013	Submission on the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre Proposal
26.04.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Attorney-General the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP and the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, expressing grave concern about the prolonged detention of refugees with adverse security assessments (ASAs), including 7 young children of parents with ASAs
05.2013	Fact sheet – 'Tell Me About: Refugees with Adverse Security Assessments'
03.05.2013	Commission news story – 'Right to merits review for refugees'
08.05.2013	Media release – 'Curtin detention centre no place for children'
16.05.2013	Commission news story - 'Excision Bill' passage undermines human rights'
30.05.2013	Commission news story – 'Commission recommendations about wrist x-rays embraced'

06.2013	Background Paper: Human rights issues raised by visa refusal or cancellation under section 501 of the Migration Act
06.2013	Fact sheet – ‘Tell Me About: The ‘Enhanced Screening Process’’
17.06.2013	Media release – ‘Refugees need hope, not uncertainty’
19.06.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Attorney-General the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP to follow up on implementation of the recommendations made by the Commission in An age of uncertainty, the report of its inquiry into the treatment of individuals suspected of people smuggling offences who say that they are children
20.06.2013	Commission news story – ‘Regional processing report supports Commission stance’
21.06.2013	Commission news story – ‘Removal of children from Manus Island a welcome step’
23.06.2013	Visit to Pontville Alternative Place of Detention by the Children’s Commissioner, including interviews with unaccompanied children in detention
04.07.2013	Commission news story – ‘Improvements for asylum seekers’
08.07.2013	Letter from President Triggs to newly appointed Minister for Immigration and Citizenship Tony Burke MP, addressing Commission priorities relating to immigration detention, asylum seekers and refugees including ‘mandatory detention of children, in particular, unaccompanied minors’
23.07.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, raising concerns about third country processing
25.07.2013	Commission news story – ‘Regional Resettlement Arrangement raises human rights questions’
01.08.2013	Opinion piece by President Triggs - ‘Australia, Human Rights, Refugees and Asylum Seekers
03.09.2013	High Court Intervention - <i>Magaming v The Queen</i> [2013] HCA 40 (11 October 2013)’
20.09.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the newly appointed Minister for Immigration and Border Protection the Hon Scott Morrison MP, highlighting that the Commission had raised concerns over many years about the impact of prolonged or indefinite detention on the mental health of asylum seekers
22.10.2013	Report - Asylum seekers, refugees and human rights: Snapshot report 2013
13.11.2013	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 58 – BB v Commonwealth (DIAC)
13.11.2013	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 62 – Ince v Commonwealth (DIAC)
13.11.2013	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 63 - Paul family v Commonwealth (DIAC)

26.11.2013	Letter from President Triggs to the Hon Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, regarding the monitoring of conditions in regional processing centres and concerns about family separation across onshore immigration detention facilities
12.2013	Fact sheet – ‘Tell Me About: Temporary Protection Visas’
03.12.2013	Commission news story – ‘TPVs part of an inhumane system’
11.12.2013	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 64 – Immigration detainees with adverse security assessments v Commonwealth (DIAC)
18.12.2013	Australia’s Universal Periodic Review: Progress report prepared by the Australian Human Rights Commission on behalf of the Australian Council of Human Rights Authorities 2013
21.01.2014	Commission news story - ‘Asylum seekers on Nauru must be protected’
22.01.2014	Letters from President Triggs to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, and the Attorney-General Senator the Hon George Brandis QC advising of the Commission’s decision to conduct an inquiry, with copy of Terms of Reference attached.
30.01.2014	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Regaining Control Over Australia’s Protection Obligations) Bill 2013
03.02.2014	National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014 launched, including a discussion paper
20.02.2014	Commission news story – ‘Time to rethink offshore processing of asylum seekers’
22.02.2014	Opinion piece by Professor Triggs – ‘We can’t ‘outsource’ our moral obligations to these people’
06.03.2014	Commission news story – ‘Human rights chief addresses Manus violence’
18.03.2014	Commission news story – ‘Asylum seekers and refugees high on agenda when Australian and Indonesian Commissions met’
16.05.2014	Commission news story – ‘Commission again raises serious concerns about Migration Act Amendment’
16.05.2014	Submission to the Inquiry into the incident at the Manus Island Detention Centre from 16.02.to 18.02.2014
04.07.2014	Commission news story - Australia’s obligation to people seeking asylum who are intercepted at sea
24.07.2014	Commission news story – ‘New Mothers on Suicide Watch at Christmas Island’
19.08.2014	Media Statement – ‘Children in Immigration Detention’
19.08.2014	Submission on the Migration Amendment (Protecting Babies Born in Australia) Bill 2014

04.09.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 67 – Stevanovic v Commonwealth (DIAC)
04.09.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 68 – Parker v Commonwealth (DIAC)
04.09.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 69 – Ogawa v Commonwealth (DIAC)
04.09.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 70 – Abdellatif obo his wife and their 6 children v Commonwealth (DIBP)
04.09.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 71 - Mansoor and Mr IA v Commonwealth (DIBP)
08.10.2014	Opinion piece by President Triggs – ‘Keeping asylum seeker children in detention doesn't stop people smugglers - so why do it?’
14.10.2014	High Court Intervention - <i>CPCF v Minister Department of Immigration & Border Protection and the Commonwealth</i> [2015] HCA 1 (28 January 2015)
17.10.2014	Submission to the Committee Against Torture Information concerning Australia's compliance with the Convention against Torture
23.10.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 73 - Thi Binh Mai v Commonwealth (DIBP)
23.10.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 74 - MC and Ghanbari v Commonwealth (DIBP)
23.10.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 75 - Arif v Commonwealth (DIBP)
23.10.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 76 – Mordechai v Commonwealth (DIBP)
23.10.2014	Submission on the Guardian for Unaccompanied Children Bill 2014
28.10.2014	Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Character and General Visa Cancellation) Bill 2014
31.10.2014	Submission on the Migration and Maritime Powers Legislation Amendment (Resolving the Asylum Legacy Caseload) Bill 2014
06.11.2014	Submission on the Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014
11.11.2014	<i>National inquiry report The Forgotten Children: National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014</i>
24.11.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 77 – Basikbasik v Commonwealth (DIBP)
24.11.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 78 - Mirza Jan v Commonwealth (DIBP)
24.11.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 79- CB v Commonwealth (DIBP)
12.2014	Australia's Universal Periodic Review Progress Report - Australian Council of Human Rights Agencies
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 82 – Fadhel v Commonwealth (DIBP)
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 83 – FA, FB, FC and FD v Commonwealth (DIBP)

01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 84 – AQ v Commonwealth (DIBP)
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 85 – Jafari v Commonwealth (DIBP)
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 86 – MG v Commonwealth (DIBP)
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled – No. 87 – HA, HB, HC, HD and HE v Commonwealth (DIBP)
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled – No. 88 – AH v Commonwealth (DIBP)
01.12.2014	AHRC Act Report tabled - No. 90 – Charlie v Commonwealth (DIBP)
05.12.2014	Commission news story - 'Commission urges detained children be released into the community'