

Dear Committee,

I'm writing to you to express my disappointment and shame at living in a country that treats the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people, asylum seekers, as criminals until proven innocent, at huge expense to our nation, both financially and in terms of our international humanitarian reputation, and at great expense to the mental and physical well being of the detainees.

I implore the Australian Government to act to release all children from immigration detention confinement, and to seek alternatives and adopt them ASAP.

Thank you for your time,