

I am sick of politicians trying to point score about every issue that arises, and in particular about refugees in detention.

People's lives should NOT be held for ransom while most politicians only seem to concern themselves with poll driven policies.

Australia is a rich country which can afford to be far more generous in our intake of refugees.

It is NOT illegal for refugees to seek asylum here and immigration detention should only be used for the specific purpose of managing genuine risk.

The cost of detention far outweighs the cost of assisting genuine refugees to resettle into our country and the psychological damage of detention, especially to children, is immeasurable - all to be paid for by our tax dollars for the majority who are eventually accepted.

The benefits of boat refugee immigration has already been well established after the Vietnam era where most went on to become solid, contributing citizens.

LABOUR please show some leadership on this issue in particular; and LIBERALS please try for some bipartisanship instead of forever saying NO to everything Labour proposes.

I am heartily sick of the way you are all conducting yourselves and neither will have my vote next election unless you start to do so.