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Subject: Senate Enquiry into the Migration Legislation Amendment

The Secretary

Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee

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Sir

I write regarding the Senate Inequry into the Migration Legislation Amendment (Further Border Protection Measures) Bill 2002

I have grave concerns regarding this bill and the implications for this country should the Senate pass this Bill.

I doubt the legislation is consistent with Australia's international obligations and that it would contravene International Law to which Australia is a signatory.

The purpose of thsi legislation appears to be to deter refugees or asylum seekers from entering Australia. I find this abhorrent. People do not risk all they possess or the lvies of their families unless they are desperate.

I beg you not to pass this Bill as it is in contravention of accepted standards of obligation to fellow human beings. Let Australia continue to show compassion.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte Brewer