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As the son of a WW II veteran I have been outraged at the government's mishandling of refugees and asylum seekers in detention. It was exactly this kind of cruelty and inhumanity (men, women and children becoming sick and deranged through deprivation) that he sacrificed his wellbeing to overthrow when he fought the forces of fascism in Nazi Germany. He trusted that it would not happen again, particularly in civilised nations like ours.

I call on your committee to bring the government and its relevant ministers to account for the injustices it has perpetrated on these innocents, and trust that due compensation will be made to all of them. I urge you also to ensure that no such travesty can ever be repeated in the name of the Australian electorate.

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