

I wish to express my feelings of horror at the way the Australian Government has handled this issue. I do not feel it is necessary to have detention centres at all, as most other countries manage to handle this without using such cruel methods.

I feel that Australian communities could very easily adopt different refugees into their society and treat them with kindness and help them get jobs and they would then contribute towards this country, instead of costing the taxpayers money. These people have lots to contribute and only want the chance to do so. This could happen while the Dept. of Immigration processes their claims for residency.

I am not a very clever person, just an aged pensioner, but even I can see that this would be a much safer and happier way all round.

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