

I wish to register my very strong moral and political opposition to the policy of imprisoning asylum-seekers and refugees and to the ways in which this federal government policy is implemented by the Immigration Department.

Since it is not illegal to enter the country and apply for refugee status, there can be no possible justification for imprisoning asylum-seekers in concentration camps such as Baxter and Maribyrnong. The government's policy on immigration is mean-spirited and an international embarrassment. Its 'outsourcing' of the management of its concentration camps is another embarrassment. The prison staff's treatment of visitors to camps is hostile and abrasive and apparently calculated to discourage any expressions of support or sympathy for the inmates.

Sincerely,

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