

As a concerned member of the public I would like to request an inquiry into the administration and operation of the Migration Act 1958. My concern is that people are being held in detention (children included) around Australia and on islands, such as Nauru, for many years with very little hope that they may ever find freedom or that they may be returned to their country of origin where danger awaits them.

Three or more years detention is far too long for these people to wait for justice. In this age of computers, surely an inquiry into the detainee's background would take no longer than a matter of days, not years.

It has also been noted that at least two Australian citizens have been deported and that children have been dragged out of school and thrown into detention. I would like to see an inquiry into actions taken by the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs and the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs with particular reference to the processing and assessment of visa applications, migration detention and the deportation of people from Australia.

I would also call for an inquiry into the adequacy of healthcare, including mental healthcare and other services and assistance provided to people in immigration detention, the outsourcing of management and service provision at immigration detention centres and any related matters.

Sincerely,
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