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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In relation to the Senate inquiry into DIMIA , I would like to state my strong concern regarding asylum seekers who are still on Nauru.

It is impossible to have any confidence in the process which has been used to determine asylum seeker status of these people for the following reasons.

It has been acknowledged that the interview process has been flawed from the start, with interviewers being affected by their knowledge of the negative political culture which has existed in granting asylum seeker status to those who have arrived by boat.

I am personally involved with asylum seekers who have recently been granted TPV's in Australia. I have followed their cases and am aware of the deliberate delay that was involved in accepting the validity of their stories. For example one of my friends who was rejected on at least two occasions had proof of his Afghan citizenship, however this was not accepted even though one of the officers agreed that he did have the proof that was required. He remained on Nauru for over three and a half years.

This is just one example of the many such stories that can be told. It is obvious political expediency is more important that a humane process which is carried out with integrity.

Yours sincerely,

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