

19<sup>th</sup> May 2006

To the Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House ACT 2600

Dear Sir

Re the Migration Amendment (Designated Unauthorised Arrivals) Bill 2006

I wish to record my strong opposition to the passage of the above Bill, particularly in so far as it relates to children and their parents.

In my opinion, if this Bill becomes law, Australia will contravene the Refugee Convention and the International Convention on the Rights of Children to both of which this country is a signatory.

What is more, a precedent will be set that other countries will probably follow.

Yours sincerely



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