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Dear Sir/Madame,

I write in support of the Refugee Council of Australia's submission on the above Bill.

Once again, the Federal Government is preparing to ride roughshop over our international obligations, this time to appease Indonesia.

I am appalled at this latest development, which will surely bring more shame upon this country. If Messrs Howard, Ruddock, Vanstone et. al. think that the rest of the world doesn't note how Australia treats refugees/asylum seekers, they should think again. I was in Europe during the Tampa incident in 2001. Newspapers and TV there gave wide coverage to the issue and I can assure you that none of it was flattering.

I strongly urge the Government to withdraw this Bill.

Yours sincerely