

Dear Senate Committee,

I am concerned that the Government's review of Australia's policy of addressing asylum seeker's claims is an adverse direction. As a voting citizen, I support a momentum of our country welcoming people who are seeking asylum from torture.

It is particularly distressing to consider that children will again be detained and that there will be no effective time limit on detainment.

The proposal of intercepting arrivals shows that Australia is simply trying to escape the issue. Redirecting asylum seekers to Nauru, or worse still back to the origin that they face persecution, is indolent and a ridicule to our generous and embracing community. Does the government hope that if these people are out of sight, they will be forgotten by the Australian public?

We have the strength as a nation to protect the human rights of asylum-seekers and refugees. We should take pride in our spacious and altruistic country and like a Mother to her child, open our arms in welcome to those who need our comforting care.

Yours sincerely,

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