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Media reports about refugees and asylum seekers

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- 27/02/19: [Last four remaining refugee children on Nauru leave for US](#) (The Australian)
- 27/02/19: [Inquest hears Nauru refugee's burns 'very survivable'](#) (SBS News)
- 27/02/19: [Winston Peters unhappy with NZ Government's offer to take Nauru refugees, but won't go back on it](#) (tvnz - NewsNow)
- 26/03/19: [Asylum seekers say Paladin workers have walked off the job on Manus Island](#) (SBS News)
- 26/02/19: [Australian Border Force confirms ocean patrols were cut to save money on fuel](#) (SMH)
- 26/02/19: [Scott Morrison's scare campaign on borders and tax is less a wedge than a wedgie](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 26/02/19: ['People don't die on planes. They die on boats': PM defends asylum seeker focus](#) (SBS News)
- 25/02/19: [Refugee death inquest: Nauru refugees told 'go home or stay here'](#) (SBS News)
- 24/02/19: [Refugee medical flights from Christmas Island to the mainland could cost up to \\$100,000 each](#) (SMH)

Doctors For Refugees president Barri Phatarfod says sick refugees and asylum seekers are transferred to Australia "to obtain the urgent, sometimes life-saving care" unavailable in Papua New Guinea or Nauru.

"Transferring them to Christmas Island is like evacuating a critical patient from Bourke and flying him to Kalgoorlie," Dr Phatarfod says, adding the practice has "absolutely no basis in modern medicine".

- 24/02/19: [Sixty per cent of voters support medevac bill, GetUp poll finds](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 22/02/19: [Stateless refugee facing indefinite detention](#) (Eureka Street)
- 19/02/19: [Nauru to decide on medical transfers of refugees despite new Australian laws](#) (SMH)
- 18/02/19: [A new standard for asylum seeker policy](#) (Eureka Street)
- 17/02/19: [Refugees in Indonesia say few would risk a boat ride to Australia](#) (Guardian Australia)

- 17/02/19: [Shorten must show his mettle on refugees](#) (The Age)
- 17/02/19: [Nauru and Manus Island asylum seekers face fresh security and character assessments](#) (ABC News)
- 16/02/19: [Two things were overlooked in the Government's historic defeat on asylum seeker policy](#) (ABC News)
- 15/02/19: [It's 'absurd' to return human rights prize winner to detention, say refugee advocates](#) (SBS News)
- 15/02/19: [Navigating the post-Medivac ugliness](#) (Eureka Street)
- 15/02/19: [Boat Turnbacks and Medical Transfers - Frank Brennan, Tim Costello, Robert Manne, John Menadue](#) (Pearls and Irritations)
- 13/02/19: [PM pushes off medevac loss by launching a sonic boom on border protection](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 13/02/19: [Medivac: the unneeded bill we sorely needed](#) (Eureka Street)
- 13/03/19: [Nine facts about the medical evacuation bill](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 13/03/19: [Senate passes controversial refugee evacuation bill, Scott Morrison says new laws 'weaken our borders'](#) (ABC News)
- 13/03/19: ['Defenceless humans will be rescued': refugees in Nauru on medevac bill](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 12/02/19: [We don't know how many asylum seekers are turned away at Australian airports](#) (The Conversation)
- 12/02/19: [This is what happens when we prioritize protecting borders over people](#) (Washington Post)
- 12/02/19: [What now for asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island in need of medical evacuation?](#) (ABC News)
- 12/02/19: [Prime Minister Scott Morrison talks down threat to Coalition after loss in Parliament vote](#) (ABC News)
- 11/02/19: [Bill Shorten warned against backdown in stand-off over refugee medical bill](#) (The Age)
- 10/02/19: [Australia abandoned hundreds of asylum seekers. Now it's rallying behind one refugee](#) (Washington Post)
- 10/02/19: [Coalition ministers fail to explain whether all refugees held offshore need medical transfer](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 10/02/19: [Christopher Pyne warns all asylum seekers and refugees on Manus and Nauru could 'qualify' under medical transfer bill](#) (ABC News)
- 9/02/19: ['No middle ground': Morrison digs in on asylum seeker medivac bill](#) (SMH)
- 8/02/19: [Migrants face deportation if they move, under population control visas](#) (SMH)
- 7/02/19: [Dutton says Labor warned about security fears over asylum seeker medical transfers](#) (SBS News)
- 7/02/19: [Peter Dutton accused of 'lying' by Labor over security briefing accusations](#) (SMH)
- 6/02/19: [Thailand blames Australia for Hakeem al-Araibi's detention](#) (The Age)
- 3/02/19: [Final four children held on Nauru to be resettled with families in US](#) (Guardian Australia)
- 2/01/19: ['We are part of Australian history': Behrouz Boochani, voice of exile](#) (Canberra Times)
- 2/02/19: [Morrison government just days away from removing all refugee children from Nauru](#) (The Age)
- 2/02/19: [No kids on Nauru is a milestone worth marking - but it's hardly one for the trophy cabinet](#) (SMH)
- 1/02/19: [The winner of Australia's biggest literary prize is an asylum seeker confined to remote detention camp by the government](#) (News India)