**PNG Not Safe for Refugees – Bring Them Here to Safety.**

We, the undersigned, call on the Australian Government to immediately bring the refugees and people seeking asylum who have been held on Manus Island to safety in Australia, for reasons including the following:

* Australia must uphold our obligations under international law and conventions to act with humanity, decency and fairness toward people who are seeking safety and refuge.
* Only 25 of the 900 men on Manus have been accepted by the US. The remainder cannot wait in danger for months while their applications are considered.
* Closing down the Manus Island detention centre, forcing them into an overcrowded transit centre at Longerau or an unwelcoming and threatening community in Port Moresby or other communities, puts them at real risk of harm.   The hostility of many of the local people towards the refugees in PNG, and the increasingly violent attacks on them, is evidence that people cannot be safely resettled in either place.
* The men on Manus fear that they will also be subject to further violence by the PNG defence and police forces, following the violent incident Good Friday this year.
* PNG does not have the social or economic capacity to provide a safe and secure future for refugees.  Casting people adrift into these communities is a further abrogation of Australia’s responsibility, and an abuse of our regional neighbours.
* Yet another suicide, while in the care of the Longerau hospital for his mental health issues, is futher confirmation that that medial and other supports required are not available in PNG. This young man was recognized as a refugee status, and he, other with the 700 plus other refugees on Manus Island should have been safely resettled in Australia years ago.

**Australia must not abandon these people**

**The Australian government must BRING THEM HERE TO SAFETY**.

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