

Sample Letters - Children Off Nauru

'There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which we treat our children'
(Nelson Mandela)

Dear

The Australian Human Rights Commission report of 2014 found that 'mandatory and prolonged immigration detention of children is a clear violation of international human rights law'. There is overwhelming evidence of its harmful impacts. Over 100 children have been detained on Nauru, many for five years.

Will you show respect for their human rights and answer the call from the many refugee support associations to bring them and their families to Australia by November 20, Universal Children's Day?

Yours sincerely,

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Dear

Given that indefinite detention of people seeking asylum from war and persecution is a clear violation of international human rights law:

Will you support community efforts to bring the children and their families held in Nauru to Australia by November 20 this year, Universal Children's day?

Yours sincerely,

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Dear

I write to express my deep concern over the situation of children on Nauru.

I urge you to use your influence so that by that date all children and their families will have been brought to Australia by Universal Children's Day on November 20th.

How dare we deny these children the safety and security of the childhood that you and I and others have enjoyed here in Australia?

Yours faithfully,

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Dear

I am writing to express my deep concern and abhorrence of the situation of the children on Nauru.

Will you support the Australian community to bring these children and their families to Australia by Universal Children's Day, 20 November?

Sincerely,

Sample Letter to Treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, and Shadow Treasurer, Chris Bowen

Dear

Australian governments have spent over 5 billion dollars since 2012 on indefinite off-shore detention of asylum seekers fleeing persecution and/or war. This has been estimated to be over 20 times the cost of resettling a refugee in Australia.

Our current policy is a clear violation of international human rights law. It is in breach of our responsibilities under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

I call upon you to draw a line in the sand, and declare an amnesty for all refugees and asylum seekers currently detained.

Will you cease off-shore detention and redirect the billions of dollars to refugee settlement, health, education, and reducing the government debt?

Will you begin by supporting community efforts to bring the children and their families held in Nauru to Australia by Universal Children's Day, 20 November?

Yours faithfully,

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Sample Letters to Minister for Immigration, David Coleman

David Coleman, Minister for Immigration

Dear David,

There are currently over 100 children detained on Nauru. Some have been there for over 5 years.

Prolonged detention of children is clearly a violation of human rights law.

Please choose compassion and decency, and bring these children and their families to Australia by Universal Children's Day on 20 November.

Sincerely,

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David Coleman, Minister for Immigration

Dear David,

Did you know:

- Over a hundred children are detained on Nauru (some already for five years)
- This not humane, doesn't fit human rights law, and is extraordinarily expensive

Please bring them and their families to Australia by Universal Children's Day, 20 November.

Regards

Sample Letters to the Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister,

As the 'new generation' leader of Australia, your actions towards asylum seekers will be under greater scrutiny than previously.

Are you comfortable with:

- Innocent asylum seekers and genuine refugees being portrayed as illegals and terrorists
- The obscene amount of taxpayers' money being used to finance off-shore detention
- Your complicity in the misery, ill health, psychiatric illnesses of innocent children in detention, both on Nauru and in Australia.

You, as a Christian, should be ashamed of allowing such unnecessary harm to children and their families who merely seek our protection.

Are you prepared to have all the children and their families off Nauru by Universal Children's Day on 20 November?

As Prime Minister, you have the power to right these horrible wrongs.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Scott

Congratulations on your new role. Wishing you all the best in your work to steer our country towards compassion and peace.

Universal Children's Day is on November 20. I suggest you bring all the children who are on Nauru (and their families) to Australia by that date as a symbol of Australia's new direction as a civilised country that supports human rights.

Sincerely

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Dear Scott

Congratulations on your recent appointment.

I am looking to you to deal with the situation of children on Nauru. November 20th is Universal Children's Day. What a great opportunity is presenting itself for a celebration if the children and their families could be off Nauru by that date!

Apart from the human element to clear these off-shore detention centres, much taxpayer money could be saved and steered into other demanding directions.

Are you prepared to take up this issue of the children? It could become a hallmark of your Prime Ministership.

Sincerely