

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What's happening to refugees and people seeking asylum who are here In Australia?

- * Over 500 people in indefinite detention, some under guard in hotels
- * Temporary visas with no rights for family reunion
- * More than 30,000 people on Bridging Visas with uncertain futures
- * Many people on Bridging Visas have no income support and no jobs

What's happening for the hundreds of refugees still held in limbo in PNG & Nauru?

- * Around 400 people still on Nauru and in PNG after nearly 7 years of detention and uncertainly
- * They have no safe resettlement options
- * Our government is rejecting the offer by New Zealand to provide a safe future but appears to have no other plan for these people.
- * Australia IS RESPONSIBLE for the long-term future of people held In PNG and Nauru, and will be responsible if they are infected by Covid-19. Instead of spending billions prolonging their despair, Australia should bring them here. Give them HOPE and FREEDOM.

Our government needs to ...

give ... REFUGEES and PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM a FAIR GO

and ...

- * Release all refugees from detention on public health and humanitarian grounds
- * End offshore processing, mandatory detention, and deportations to danger
- * Bring refugees on PNG & Nauru here
- * Give refugees permanent protection visas and family reunion rights
- * End unfair practices in processing refugee claims, and restore the right to appeal
- * Restore truth and transparency in the public discourse and abide by the UN Refugee Convention
Australia has the resources to provide a secure future for people seeking protection and safety. We can provide hope. We can fully welcome refugees.

For further detail go to **Refugee Advocacy Network** website:

<http://www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au/>