

Free ALL Refugees & Let Them Stay Permanently

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the Refugee Action Collective (Victoria), draws to the attention of the House:

- A large number of refugees brought to Australia under Medevac legislation remain in detention camps and APODs around Australia including AITA, BITA, MITA, Yonga Hill Detention Centre, Villawood Immigration Detention Centre and multiple APODs.
- They had been held for seven and a half years by the Australian government; more than six years offshore and up to a year and a half in detention in Australia.
- There are still more than 250 people who remain offshore, detained by the will of the Australian Government, in Papua New Guinea and Nauru. They are also unwell and deserve protection and support.
- Some people in detention in Australia have been released on 'final departure bridging visas'. While they have the right to work they cannot access JobSeeker and receive only minimal, short-term support. They all need on-going support and permanent visas.
- We know communities all around Australia, standing in protest against the unjust treatment of Australia's refugees, would truly welcome them into their homes and communities.

We therefore ask the House to:

- Free all refugees and issue them with permanent visas
- End on-shore and off-shore detention now
- Bring the refugees remaining offshore to Australia and issue them with permanent visas.

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