**We call for just and humane refugee policies**

**Australia is one of the world’s wealthiest countries - we can afford to be kinder, more generous and more compassionate**

**We need fair and just policies for refugees and people who seek asylum.**

* It is often claimed that Australia is generous towards refugees. Is this true?
  + Australia currently has a commitment to resettle just 13,750 refugees each year (the refugee quota) – but last year less than half of this number were resettled - even though Australia welcomed 160,000 migrants*– see more detail here* [*https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/refugee-program-smallest-in-45-years-while-migration-program-quota-filled/*](https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/refugee-program-smallest-in-45-years-while-migration-program-quota-filled/)
  + Canada, with a population of just 37million resettles 28,000 refugees each year (30% of all refugees resettled) – if we were doing as well as Canada we would resettle around 20,000 refugees every year.
* Taking our national wealth into consideration Australia rates 60th in the world for resettling people who seek asylum – such as people fleeing from Afghanistan. This shows our lack of commitment to the UN Refugee Convention which enshrines the right for any person to enter a country to seek asylum from persecution.

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| **The policies we want to see** | **SAY NO to the policies of Morrison government** |
| Australia has policies which welcome people who need protection including those who flee from danger and seek our protection – a right under the UN Refugee Convention | Our current government says we have less obligation towards people who arrive in Australia seeking asylum - we punish people for seeking safety |
| Fast and fair processes to determine refugee status | Thousands of refugees in our community are in limbo for years |
| Income support provided, work rights and assistance to find employment provided while refugee claims are being assessed | People are in destitution while their claims for protection are assessed |
| People are not generally detained – and if so, only for short periods for health or security checks | People are kept for long periods in immigration detention |
| Priority is placed in keeping families together | Families are separated by our refugee policies |
| Once assessed to be a refugee, permanent visa and timely pathways to citizenship | Many people who are recognised as refugees are only given Temporary Visas |
| All claims for refugee status are processed in Australia | Australia has an expensive and cruel offshore program which holds people in limbo offshore for decades |

**Would you like to know more?**

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