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Today, more people than ever have been displaced from their homes and countries by events not under their control.

At this election time in 2025, both Labor and the LNP have continued to support cruel and ungenerous policies towards refugees and people seeking asylum including mandatory indefinite detention and offshore 'processing'.

These Trump-like policies are among the worst in the world.

On 13 April 2025 gather with us to demonstrate that there are millions in Australia who do not support this cruelty and want a return to a decent and humane approach.

Speakers



David Manne

David Manne is a human rights lawyer and Executive Director of Refugee Legal defending the rights, the dignity and the lives of asylum seekers, refugees and disadvantaged migrants. David sat on the Board of the Refugee Council of Australia for seven years, and currently the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture Ethics Committee. He has been appointed to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Advisory Board of Eminent Persons. David has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including the Law Institute of Victoria Paul Baker Prize for Administrative and Human Rights Law and the Law Institute President's Awards (2006 and 2011).



Piumetharshika (Piume) Kaneshan

Piume is a young Tamil refugee from Sri Lanka. She writes: "Thirteen years ago, I arrived in Australia as a refugee, carrying nothing but hope. I know what it feels like to long for safety, for a place to belong. Refugees are not strangers—we are your neighbours, your friends, your community. But too many still suffer in limbo. Today, I ask - open your hearts, raise your voices, and stand with us."



Bishop Mark Short

Bishop Mark Short has served as Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn since 2019. Previously, he served in a number of parishes and undertook a PhD in Old Testament at the University of Durham. He has been involved in welcoming and supporting South Sudanese and other refugees in the community and church. Immediately prior to becoming Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn he was National Director of The Bush Church Aid Society, working to support Christian ministry in remote and regional areas. Mark is married to Monica, who is a lecturer in social work. They have two adult sons.



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