



## CALL TO ACTION / LOBBYING ACTIVITY

### ARAN Petition Justice4Refugees 2018

Please download [here](#) and collect as many signatures as you can.

Don't miss your chance to say "NO" to proposed changes to citizenship law. Also, the Parliamentary Committee [online survey](#) allows you to express your view on the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Commitments for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2018. The survey closes at 5pm on 27 April 2018 AEST. The proposed legislation would require an eight year wait to apply for citizenship, instead of one year. The Bill also demands high-level English competency for citizenship. Long waiting periods for citizenship and excessively high English competence are unjust, unfair and cruel barriers to the most vulnerable new arrivals, who have so much to contribute to Australia as citizens. Written submissions can also be sent to [Citizenshipbill@aph.gov.au](mailto:Citizenshipbill@aph.gov.au). Please circulate this message to community members and stakeholders. See sample submission on the Bill [here](#), and also on the ARAN campaigns page [here](#).

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The Refugee Council of Australia has three teleconference working groups on key campaign issues: Permanent Protection, Ending Offshore Processing, Increasing the Refugee Quota/Special Humanitarian Quotas. You can join any of these if interested by contacting [samuel.dariol@refugeecouncil.org.au](mailto:samuel.dariol@refugeecouncil.org.au).

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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ELECTORALLY BASED ACTIVITY IN THE LEAD UP TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION ?

The Combined Refugee Action Group in Geelong (CRAG) is developing a package of resources for use in their local electorate in the lead up to, and during, the next Federal Election. The purpose of these resources is to keep the focus on fair and decent policy for refugees and people seeking asylum as an important election issue. They will include a leaflet which compares the policies of main parties (current at the time the election is called). CRAG is happy to provide the resources without branding to any groups who are interested using them in their own areas, and particularly those in marginal electorates. For more information, or to express interest, please email [here](#).

If you would like to share information about anything your group is doing – or planning to do - in your electorate contact CRAG.

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## 2018 ARAN CONFERENCE – Melbourne – July 7 & 8.

Put the date in your diary – more info coming very soon. We are also be seeking your suggestions – please email your ideas to the ARAN committee at

austrefugeenetwork@gmail.com

## ARAN SURVEY COMING TO YOU SOON !

Just letting you know we are keen to hear your views about ARAN so far.....stay tuned for a survey coming your way



## MUMS 4 REFUGEES FUNDRAISER – 15 MAY SYDNEY

You are invited to the Night for Justice celebrating the contributions people of refugee backgrounds make

to the Australian community every day. The guest speaker is Dr. Munjed Al Muderis. Arriving in Australia as a junior surgeon escaping Saddam Hussein's brutal regime, Dr. Al Muderis is now a pioneering Associate Professor in orthopaedic surgery, author and human rights activist. Join us for a delicious two course dinner on this memorable evening! For tickets, [click here](#).

## PALM SUNDAY - some pictures from across Australia.

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