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CHRISTMAS IS A GOOD TIME TO REMIND OUR POLITICIANS THAT REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM <u>SUFFER UNDER CURRENT POLICIES</u> – WE MUST BE BETTER THAN THIS

Please take a few minutes to send a message calling on our politicians to be fair and compassionate.

The Letter Kit is available to download at:
- https://aran.net.au/resources/letter-writing/

As 2025 draws to a close, the Labor Government is emboldened, having passed critical legalisation with little resistance from a fractured Opposition.

This year there have been some positive developments for refugees and people seeking asylum, particularly for those who have been granted permanent visas after spending many years living on temporary visas. However, there are ongoing concerns about the continuation of offshore processing on Nauru, the abandonment of those remaining in PNG, and the ongoing visa insecurity of hundreds of people previously held offshore who currently have no prospect of being permanently resettled in Australia. With the support of the Opposition Labor legislated a draconian arrangement to pay-off Nauru to accept unwanted non-citizens from Australia, some of whom have served time for offences; there are well founded concerns about how those forcibly deported to Nauru will be received by the local community, and their longer-term prospects for safety and freedom.

Send a message to your local MP, and Senators in your state, the Prime Minister and the Minister for Home Affairs - see contact details and suggestions below

Included in this kit is the information you need to create your own letters or use the proformas
- Background notes prepared by ARAN's Letter Writing Network.
- Suggested points to mention in your letter or email to politicians
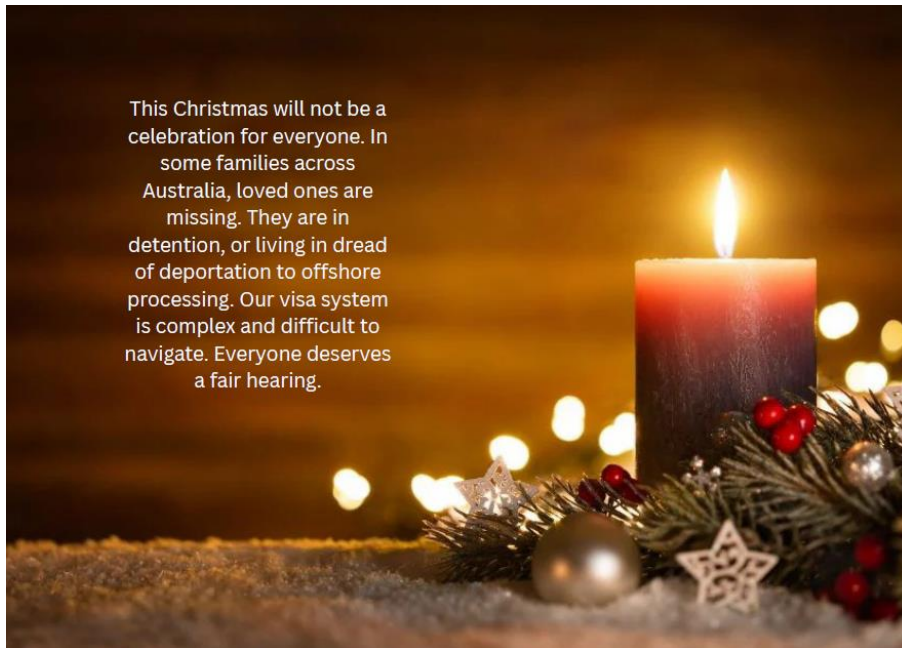- Contact details for MPs and Senators

Personalised letters and emails are best –
You might like to use the **AIDA** principle in drafting your letter
- **A - Attention** - grab the recipient's attention. Say something positive about the reader that is directed towards the focus of your letter. Stimulate the recipient's curiosity
- **I - Interest** & **Information**- encourage the recipient to read on.
- **D - Desire** - Getting the reader to want to do what you are seeking - in their interest to do so.
- **A - Action**- inform the reader of the action you want them to take.

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To contact the ARAN Letter Writing Network email: austrefugeenetwork@gmail.com

Easy to use Christmas cards:

This Christmas will not be a celebration for everyone. In some families across Australia, loved ones are missing. They are in detention, or living in dread of deportation to offshore processing. Our visa system is complex and difficult to navigate. Everyone deserves a fair hearing.

All I Want for Christmas is a Visa

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

While you celebrate with family and friends, think about those refugees and asylum seekers who cannot.

Seasons Greetings

Whilst we celebrate Christmas with family, friends and food - please remember those who will have none of these.

Our Government policies have forced many asylum seekers and refugees into poverty and destitution.

Jesus was born as a refugee in a foreign country. His central message was one of compassion and loving one's neighbour.

Let us be *Strong in our humanity.*

Please remember the families who will not have a happy Christmas this year - those families who are unable to work or get medical aid, or who have loved ones missing - because of Australia's policies towards those who seek asylum here.

Merry Christmas

TO SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO POLITICANS

Feel free add a Christmas message of your own. We suggest you send to your local MP, and Senators in your state. Tweak the message depending on their party. (see suggestions below)

To post a Christmas card – print one of the above images or make or buy your own card. Add your personal message and post to selected politicians (electoral offices)

Postal addresses for individual politicians can be found here: [Search for individual MPs & Senators](#)

…OR use the info on the spreadsheet here: [Listing of all MPs and Senators Sept 2025](#).

Sending your card by email: Just copy one of the cards into your email (or another image of your choice) and be sure to add a personal note to the politician, and your name and address.

Prime Minister - use the contact form: https://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm (you will need to save the image as a picture file and add as an attachment)

Minister Tony Burke: tony.burke.mp@aph.gov.au

To find details for individual MPs and Senators use this link to [Search for individual MPs & Senators on the Parliament House website](#)

OR…. use the info on the spreadsheet here: [Listing of all MPs and Senators Sept 2025](#).
Please download the spreadsheet if you want to sort etc for your own use. If you wish, you can email to multiple politicians in a single email – eg all Labor Senators in your state… etc..
This spreadsheet was updated in Sept 2025. If you find any errors, please email info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org,.au and we'll make corrections.

See below a listing of all federal Senators by state.

Suggested messages for Labor politicians:
Labor came to power promising "fairness" and protection for the vulnerable. But when it comes to the treatment of people with refugee status and other people seeking asylum it appears that a different set of values applies.
- The recent legislation to allow the forced deportation of supposedly "undesirable non-citizens" to Nauru not only denies those individuals basic human rights and natural justice, and degrades us as a nation, but also injures our already fragile relationship with our "Pacific Family".
- Nauru has long been the subject of colonial exploitation, and the Australia's use of Nauru as a dumping ground for vulnerable people and to 'offshore' our obligation to provide safety to people seeking asylum contravenes the values that Labor claims to hold.
- Australia has abandoned around 30 men in PNG , many of them desperately ill – we need to show compassion and provide health care and a safe future to those who have no other resettlement option. They are not safe in PNG.
- All people seeking asylum should have work rights, the right to study, and basic income support while their claims for refugee protection are being assessed.

Suggested messages for Greens and progressive Independents:
- Thank you for advocating for fair policies and rights-based treatment of people seeking asylum and refugees. Please keep up your efforts in 2026.

Suggested messages for Liberal and National politicians:
- For too long the Coalition has denied people the right to seek asylum and have demonised refugees and people seeking our protection.   I hope you will advocate within your party for the fair and decent treatment of refugees and people seeking asylum.
- Please also resist the demonisation of migrants – modern Australia is home to people from all parts of the world, and this is a strength – not a weakness of our society.
- Please stop the fear mongering – it is destructive and unhelpful and incites hatred.

Senators by State

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