

Dear Prime Minister Abbott,

The governments of Australia, Nauru and Papua New Guinea appear unwilling or unable to protect the lives and welfare of the asylum seekers and refugees they have locked in detention centres.

Recommendations by human rights observers including the UN and Amnesty International, as well as recommendations by the Government's own advisers, have been consistently ignored.

What's worse, the people who pay for this policy are being kept in the dark about the abuses, impact and costs of our country's offshore detention policies.

I am particularly concerned that:

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- Human rights observers and journalists have been prevented from entering offshore processing centres
- Conditions at the Manus Island Offshore Processing Centre have not been improved despite recommendations from Amnesty International and other human rights observers
- Asylum seekers are not being given access to appropriate mental health services and supplies
- The government is detaining children in inappropriate and dangerous conditions
- The government is detaining pregnant women in inappropriate and dangerous conditions
- There has been no independent inquiry into the violence that took place on Manus Island in February this year, and that nobody has yet been held responsible for the death of Reza Barati
- Resettlement of refugees has been unnecessarily slow and resettlement options offered do not meet international human rights standards
- Offshore processing is unacceptably costly

I therefore call on the Australian Government to end offshore detention and work toward a genuine regional solution that protects the rights of asylum seekers and refugees in accordance with international human rights and refugee law.

Regards,

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