

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of Certain Concerned Citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the House:

the dire and unjust – and very costly – situation of asylum-seekers detained by the Australian Government in off-shore and on-shore Detention Centres

We therefore ask the House to:

- 1) Adopt a compassionate, just and bi-partisan approach to this issue, as befits our Australian values (as happened with the 'boat-people' of the 70's and 80's)**
- 2) Withdraw all asylum-seekers ASAP from off-shore centres to mainland Australia**
- 3) Choose locations and arrange on-shore accommodation and facilities(as has been done in Leonora, WA) to provide a quality of life which meets Australian community standards – and benefits the Local Community**
- 4) Process their claims ASAP (Canada is able to process in Three Months)**
- 5) Provide on-going assistance to those released into the community - as offered in the 80' and 90's**
- 6) Cease indefinite detention immediately, and review the cases of current detainees, providing them with reasons for their incarceration and options / conditions for rehabilitation / release**
- 7) Admit that on-shore, rapid processing would prove far less costly –and be much more just and humane - than the current totally un-Australian approach**