

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Senators,

I am an Australian citizen and I oppose this proposed legislation for the reasons set out below.

The bill creates a high risk that people, including refugees and people who are stateless, will be deported to countries where they face serious harm, including death.

Australian citizen family members, including children, could be permanently separated from their parents and loved ones.

The bill breaches Australia's obligations under the Refugee Convention and international law.

The entry ban will further marginalise certain ethnic communities in Australia and jeopardies social cohesion.

The entry ban will discourage migrants from coming to Australia to work, live and study, which will have a significant impact on the Australian economy.

The bill is likely to jeopardise Australia's diplomatic relations.

And the bill gives far too much power to the relevant Minister or Ministers in dealing with these matters.

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Hello, I'm an Australian resident who is deeply concerned about the safety of people who come here for refuge.

The proposed Migration Amendment (Removals and Other Measures) Bill 2024 is an appalling decision by a government who has surely not realized how cruel and punitive the proposal is.

It breaches our obligations under the Refugee Convention and international law and will further marginalize some ethnic communities in Australia and harms social cohesion.

Migrants who wish to work and study in Australia will definitely be discouraged, which will have a significant impact on the Australian economy.

You must not pass or consider this bill further.

To the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Hi,

I am _____, and I oppose the Migration Amendment (Removals and Other Measures) Bill 2024 in its entirety.

As a First Generation immigrant to this country I know how difficult it can be, let alone when the Government is unwilling to help you or provide safety, but furthermore is going out of their way to make sure refugees don't get the rights they deserve. It is unjust and immoral.

This bill put Refugees in direct harm, by putting them at risk of deportation, to countries where they may face violence or death. This is the exact reason they've made the difficult and impossible choice to seek refuge and asylum here.

To permanently separate families, including Children, is not only un-Australian, it is a dangerous and heartless decision. We've seen the devastation of this not only in our ongoing history and displacement of First Nations people of this country, but also the effects of deportation to families across America. This is not what we stand for, and children should not have to bear the brunt of this unimaginable cruelty.

The bill breaches Australia's obligations under the Refugee Convention and international law. Our government has done enough rule breaking, and needs to make immediate reparations to refugees, asylum seekers and those fleeing war and genocide.

Like most western countries, we are built on the backs of hard-working migrants, and our service industry would not exist without them. They deserve the opportunity to seek a better life, and better employment opportunities.

Please think of the many thousands, if not millions of Australians and those wanting to be Australian, who this will have a devastating impact on.

Yours sincerely,