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**Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017**  
**[Provisions]**  
**SUBMISSION**

As a regular visitor to Villawood for many years, and as a member of the group "Bennelong Friends of Refugees" , I am more than surprised that a Bill of this kind should even be considered. Adequate controls have been in place for many years, from the point of view of safety and security. I cannot help thinking that the idea that the Minister in his judgment can in future **determine** that mandarins, bananas, blank pieces of paper, pens, lists of names of detainees, phones (the only reasonable means of communication for most detainees), as **thing(s) prohibited** could be directed at some motive other than safety or security. Could it be that the Minister is taking even more steps to make the life of these poor miserable detainees so unbearable that they will in sheer desperation agree to be deported to danger, or even worse, find ways to suicide. One must ask:" Does he see either of these actions as a solution to his problem?"

Please record my opposition to this unnecessary Bill which will add to the great distress of a group of people already in deep trouble.

Yours sincerely  
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