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To Whom it May Concern,

**Re: Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016**

Baptcare is a not-for-profit organisation operating in Victoria and Tasmania providing: residential and in-home aged care; support for people with disabilities or mental health issues; family support programs for vulnerable children and families; affordable housing; and transitional housing and support for people seeking asylum.

Baptcare works for fairness and safety for people seeking asylum because our commitment is to see all people experiencing fullness of life, regardless of culture, belief and circumstance. Our vision for communities where every person is cherished sees us working to uphold the dignity and rights of people seeking asylum, and the creation of environments where all people can thrive.

Baptcare shares the concerns regarding the Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill outlined in the attached submission from the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA).

Baptcare opposes this Bill and recommends that the Bill not be passed.

Please accept this submission as an endorsement of the recommendations and reasoning outlined in RCOA's submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and please feel free to contact Baptcare to discuss our concerns.

Kind regards,

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