

Committee Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on Migration  
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I write in support of the bill introduced by Andrew Wilkie and known as The Ending Indefinite and Arbitrary Immigration Detention Bill 2021.

I have long been appalled by the draconian measures surrounding indefinite immigration detention and am of the strong opinion that not only have our practices been an infringement of human rights and common decency but represent an abrogation of our international treaty obligations.

The bill to be introduced by Andrew Wilkie will restore and insert into law the fundamental principle that people have a legal right to seek asylum and it would ensure in domestic law that no child is arbitrarily held in detention.

So doing would go some way to restoring Australia's reputation as a responsible international actor but, more importantly, end this shameful episode in our national history.

Yours sincerely



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