



**Migration Amendment (Removals  
and Other Measures)  
Bill 2024**

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirit. I am reaching out to you as Dulce Munoz, the National Convener of Mums4Refugees, a compassionate network spanning over 6,000 members across Australia, dedicated to providing crucial emergency aid to asylum seekers and individuals from refugee backgrounds.

Our collective heart is weighed down with concern regarding the proposed Migration Amendment Bill. Our membership, widespread across the nation with a significant presence of over 2,000 members in NSW alone, finds the potential consequences of this legislation deeply alarming.

From my position as a committed Australian citizen residing in Bendigo, Victoria, I wish to articulate our apprehensions that this Bill could have irreparable repercussions on vulnerable lives. Key concerns that stem from our years of dedicated service to the refugee community include:

- The Bill's punitive approach towards visa denials, coercing individuals towards removal with the looming threat of incarceration.
- A hastened assessment process that could bypass thoroughness, jeopardizing the safety of thousands.
- The bestowal of unprecedented powers to the Minister, compelling individuals to liaise with the very regimes they have fled, under duress.
- Draconian measures such as criminal charges for non-compliance with directives, subjecting individuals to possible imprisonment and financial penalties.
- Discriminatory visa bans targeting citizens from so-called "removal concern countries," effectively barring their access to refuge and opportunity in Australia.

Our specific fears entail:

- The criminalization of asylum-seeking behavior for what may merely be an act of self-preservation against forced removal.
- The haunting prospect of indefinite detention for those who cannot be returned, due to legitimate fears for their safety or on medical grounds.
- The potential disbanding of families, alongside a disproportionate amplification of ministerial powers without the necessary oversight to ensure justice and compassion prevail.

The ramifications of this Bill, should it pass, risk marring Australia's standing as a nation of fair play and humanitarian concern.

Therefore, I implore you to deliberate on the profound impact this legislation could have on individuals who look to us for sanctuary. I respectfully urge you to stand against the Bill, to uphold our collective moral responsibility to safeguard those facing grave dangers.

I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration of this critical issue.

Should you require further engagement on this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 0423207530.

Warm regards,

Dulce Munoz