

Submission to Joint Select Committee on Australia's Immigration Detention Network

The points that I would ask the committee to consider are as follows:

End indefinite detention, health, security and identity checks can be done within 30 days and any detention after this period should be decided by independent judicial review. These people are traumatised human beings not criminals.

Ensure children and their families are removed from detention as quickly as possible.

End offshore detention and allow refugees to be processed in Australia. This would be faster and cheaper for the government. There is also more access to community groups and support around our cities.

Consider the impact, effectiveness and cost of mandatory detention:

Mental health impacts of detention are well documented. 5 suicides in around 6 months, self harm, hunger strikes, people on suicide watch, isolation - none of this is effective.

In the 2011-12 budget \$800 million has been allocated to detention costs, a tripling in just two years.

I ask for compliance with the Government's immigration detention values.