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Dear Sirs and Madams

Re: Submission to the inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Prohibiting Items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2020

The right to communicate is foremost among human rights. Without the right to communicate, no other rights can be protected or enjoyed.

All nations seeking to abuse human rights engage in suppression of access to communication and in particular mobile phones. It is the regular and recurrent policy of the Myanmar authorities for example to prohibit from time to time and restrict the use of mobile phones for Rohingya in Rakhine State, which has then facilitated the authorities to inflict genocide.

So as a migration agent focussing on refugee matters it is a matter of extreme concern to see the same practice of restriction of access to communication and mobile phones in particular being sought to be re-implemented in Australia.

Yours faithfully

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