

I believe that the Immigration Detention Reform Bill should specify adequate measures for independent, timely review of a person's detention. Under present policy, a person can be detained for six months before any independent review (by the Ombudsman) and even then, the Ombudsman's recommendations are not enforceable. Six months is too long to be detained on the decision of just one DIAC official, especially if that person is on Christmas Island that is currently 'off limits' to public scrutiny.

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