

Christmas Island should no longer be used for the detention of refugees, especially children. At the moment 68 children are locked up on that island in what may not be called a detention centre, however, it is just that. They are under guard day and night, not free to come and go, as for their sleeping 'quarters', dogs have better resting places.

*There are also children in similar quarters in Villawood. The Government has promised no children will be imprisoned (punished, but for what?) in Australia.*

*I submit Christmas Island be permanently shut down.*

*I further submit that no children should remain in detention in, or close to, Villawood, or anywhere else.*

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