

## Processing of Asylum Seekers

I don't believe the line that this is about breaking people smugglers or safety of asylum seekers. As Clark & Dawe said on ABC TV 7.30 report the other night, we could "Send safe boats to pick them up!". But this is really about our fear for our comfort, not their safety, right?

Any SOLUTION will have to recognise that political reality but it seems to me that government is letting fear reign on asylum seekers.

Perhaps we might even admit [asylum seeker](#) policy is less about "orderly process" & more fundamentally about fear of sharing, and then instead of continuing to be blinded by fear we might be able to see ways to make sharing beneficial to all.

Our unsustainable social economic environmental model is the underlying problem. An idea I think has merit because of its sound triple bottom line foundations is to offer [asylum seekers](#) 15hrs/wk work on public 'eco' housing & gardens in exchange for food, accommodation & a dollar adjustment up to the value of unemployment benefits (see <http://bit.ly/fAWRjc>)

Now that the High Court has spoken I call on you to commence the processing of all asylum seekers and refugees on Australian soil without further delay.

This processing should be quick and efficient and take no more than three months. Do not consider returning to the Pacific Solution of the Howard Government.

The prolonged detention of asylum seekers has proved to be the main cause of unrest in the detention centres and the cause of the high incidence of mental illness among the detainees.

Mandatory detention and the off shore processing of asylum seekers has failed to deter asylum seekers from accessing our shores. It has proved to be extremely expensive for the taxpayers, especially at this time of financial uncertainty.

A clear majority of Australian voters believe that [asylum seekers](#) should be "processed" in Australia.

I urge you to address these issues without delay and in accordance with the UN Convention on Refugees signed by Australia in 1954.