

**Submission regarding Migration Amendment (Prohibiting items in Immigration Detention Facilities) Bill 2017**

Dear Committee Secretary,

My name is Jennifer Rae. I am concerned about Australian's treatment of people seeking asylum.

The Bill (above) is a disgraceful avoidance of judicial decision making by the Executive (re separation of powers) as the courts put an injunction on guards taking mobile phones. Now the Minister wants to pass a law that renders that injunction useless. It is a disgrace on so many levels, not least of course, human rights. Asylum seekers (and others) in detention have no other viable access to the outside world - and to advocates...

There is no provision in the Bill for the minister's decision of what is a "prohibited thing": to be challenged by any court. The Minister determines what detainees can have access to and what their visitors can bring in. Democracy demands checks and balances. No politician should be able to operate without scrutiny. A public court must have the right to challenge the minister's actions.

Yours sincerely

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