

The offshore Humanitarian Program has two categories.

- The Refugee category for people subject to persecution in their home country.
- The Special Humanitarian Program (SHP) category for people who, while not being refugees, are subject to substantial discrimination amounting to a gross violation of their human rights in their home country.
  - People who wish to be considered for an SHP visa must be living outside their home country and be proposed for entry by an Australian citizen, permanent resident, eligible New Zealand citizen, or an organisation operating in Australia.

These categories go beyond our international obligations and have been introduced to enhance our assistance to those in need.

How are the brainless clowns going to know if all those sponsored people have been "smuggled" out of their country in the first place and are the morons going to then charge the sponsors with assisting the non-existent people smuggling.

Time to stop jerking knees in reactionary fits and start remembering the basic law.

Everyone has the right to seek asylum from persecution.

And the fact is that how they do that is nothing to do with us until they arrive on our shores.