

Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: Biometrics Bill,

I submit that this Bill which makes adjustments and repeals to the Migration Act to allow the extended use of biometric data (finger prints, iris scans, voice recordings, photographs, signatures etc) to determine identity at Australia's borders **MUST** contain a caveat or qualification so that it is not used as yet another means to deny asylum seeker rights. Many refugees come from countries where such data is not maintained and it would be a gross miscarriage of justice if, under this Bill, that status saw them returned. Provision should be made such that asylum seekers have the right to present the usual paper documents, such as national ID cards etc., for their claims to be heard.

sincerely
Shayne Chester