

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIS PETITION OF BRAIDWOOD BRANCH OF RURAL AUSTRALIA FOR REFUGEES DRAWS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO ARRIVE ON THESE SHORES.

WE THEREFORE ASK THE HOUSE TO:

1. CLOSE OFFSHORE PROCESSING CENTRES FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS;
2. RELEASE ASYLUM SEEKERS INTO THE COMMUNITY WHILE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM ARE BEING PROCESSED;
3. ALLOW ASYLUM SEEKERS TO WORK WHILE SEEKING ASYLUM;
4. PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEANS OF SUPPORT FOR THOSE ASYLUM SEEKERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORK;
5. ON NO ACCOUNT TO KEEP CHILDREN IN DETENTION.