

# Timeline: Sri Lankan refugee flows 1998-2009

Sri Lanka:

1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

February - Government and Tamil Tiger rebels sign Norwegian-mediated ceasefire. Tigers pull out of Ceasefire holds. LTTE recommence military operations after pulling out of 2002 ceasefire. August - State of emergency after foreign minister is killed by a suspected Tiger assassin. May - Government declares Tamil Tigers defeated. January - Government pulls out of 2002 ceasefire agreement. statement says the group will lay down its arms.

Mounting violence - peace talks fail in Geneva

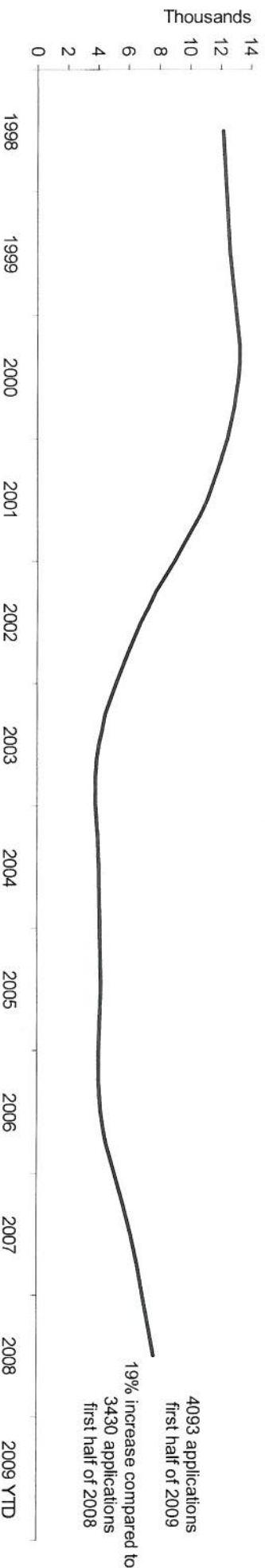
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227/05 - further islands excised from migration zone

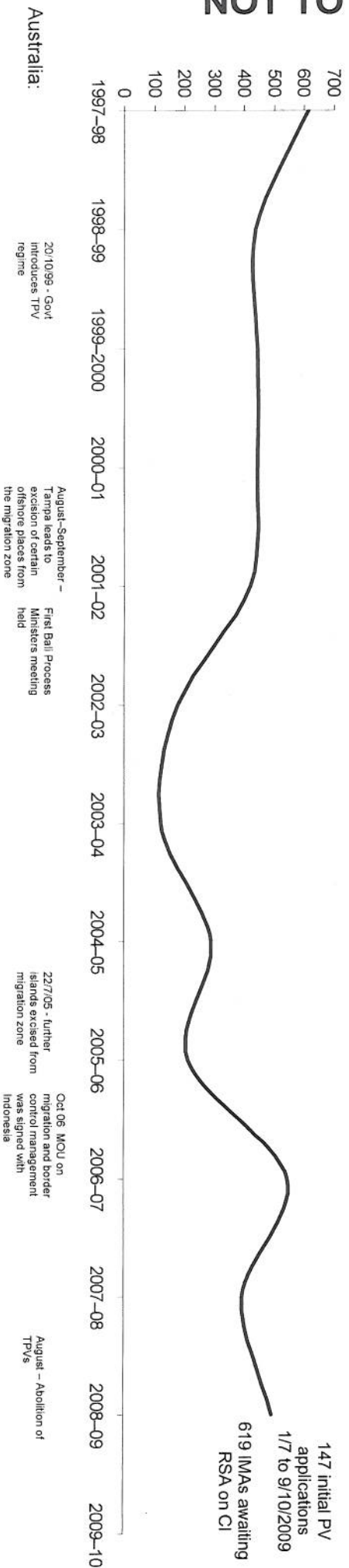
Oct 06 MOU on migration and border control management was signed with Indonesia

August - Abolition of TPVs

## Asylum claims in Europe (including the UK) <sup>1</sup>



## Asylum claims in Australia<sup>2</sup>



NOT TO SAME SCALE

Australia:

<sup>1</sup> Europe (including the UK) data sourced from UNHCR Asylum Trends in Industrialized Countries reports: defines Europe as the 27 Member States of the European Union plus Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

<sup>2</sup> Includes initial Protection Visa lodgements (data as at 9 October 2009), as well as IMAs processed offshore under the 'Pacific Strategy' (84 persons in 2001-02 and 83 persons in 2006-07)