

I am writing to ask the new Senate inquiry to help us stop this fear campaign in relation to "stopping the boats". Any informed and educated person knows that global poverty and hunger issues are not going to go away. At present Australia is one of the strongest economies in the world and we have enough resources to be humane to our fellow human beings.

In many countries asylum seekers are allowed to move freely and work while their claims are being processed. I find it abhorrent that in Australia we have mandatory detention. In addition we intern children in detention.

As an Australian I feel ashamed that we don't have a bipartisan approach to this issue at least and the issue is being used to score political points. I do believe that this sort of rhetoric should be classed as slander or discrimination and that politicians should be personally held accountable for spreading fear campaigns via the ridiculous "shock jocks".