

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing as an Australian citizen very disturbed by Australia's treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. As a member of Amnesty International I have met several people who have been held in detention centres and have heard of the inhumane way in which they have been treated. I am ashamed that Australia detains people in this way, often indefinitely, and worse that we have allowed children to be imprisoned.

I am concerned that the strategies involved in the Pacific Solution have left many people honestly looking for refuge vulnerable and in more dangerous situations.

I feel the Australian Government's actions have had a detrimental impact not only on those people looking for its protection, but on Australia's international reputation as a humane and inclusive society.

I thank you in anticipation of the Government's new and enlightened approach to these issues.

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