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I am writing to express my outrage regarding the ill treatment of asylum seekers in Australia and the flagrant disregard of human rights by the present government and particularly the immigration department. As a parent of a young child I find it very difficult to try to explain to her why there are children being sent to prison and people who have not committed any crime being sent to prison in our country.

I am aware that this makes my child feel very unsafe - I share those feelings knowing that this present government has lied about and behaved with deep cynicism towards helpless, vulnerable people.

I wonder if the right honourable Amanda Vanstone expects me to lie to my daughter when she asks why I am crying (whilst watching the news and current affairs reports of degradation and humiliation suffered by

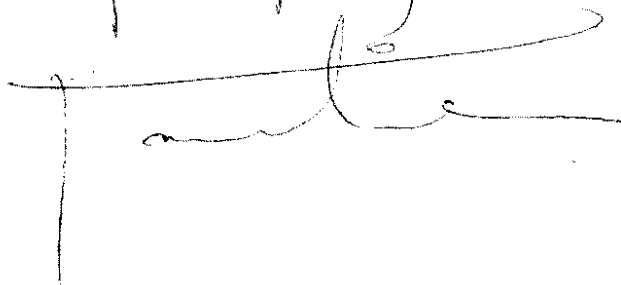
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traumatised people including children and their mummy's) so that she can feel safe. The appointment of Phillip Ruddock to the position of attorney general further diminishes this governments accountability and therefore its integrity. As the former minister for immigration, Mr Ruddock was a breaker of international law - Article 31(1) of the Refugee Convention. How is it that a law breaker is given a position of power now to oversee the legal system??

I have no confidence in this present government and I am furious to contemplate the legacy of their shameful policies which will unfold for us all in the years to come.

I am also forwarding a copy of the letter my daughter asked me to send to our local member several weeks ago. She's yet to receive a reply

Yours faithfully



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You to put

the kids in

to jail.

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