

I wish to make my objections to the Migration ammendment (designation unauthorised arrivals bill) 2006

Seeking asylum is a fundamental human right and not illegal under international law.

I urge the government therefore to treat people seeking asylum with respect and in a humane manner. "Processing" these poeple "off shore" does not do this. Have we learnt nothing from the government's past policy relating to the treatment of asylum seekers? I thought we had accepted that it is not acceptable to hold children in detention, yet this is what will happen to asylum seekers that are sent off shore for processing. I thought we had learnt that the medical especially the mental health consequences of holding people in detention lead to unacceptable difficulties for these poeple, yet asylum seekers sent off shore will not have access to mental health services.

I urge the Senate to reject this bill

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