

Dear select committee secretary,

I would like to make the following submission to the senate "Inquiry into a certain maritime incident: the so-called 'children overboard' incident and the 'Pacific Solution' ".

I have the following question with regard to the asylum seekers being processed in Nairu and Papua New Guinea as part of Australia's 'Pacific solution' to asylum seekers.

If some of these asylum seekers are determined to be genuine refugees, but are not subsequently offered resettlement places in other nations, will they be allowed to settle in Australia? If these refugees are not offered a resettlement place in Australia, what will become of them? I am asking this question because the policy of the Commonwealth government on this issue is not clear and I believe that this is a crucial issue for the Senate when analysing the outcome of the 'Pacific Solution'.

Regards

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