**Enough is Enough – suggested information for letter/email writing August 2024**

[ASRC](https://asrc.org.au/) on 19 July 2024 *"Health Crisis in Offshore Detention"* <https://asrc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ASRCreport_Healthcrisisinoffshoredetention_July2024.pdf> provides a comprehensive summary of the serious harm that is done to the mental and physical health of refugees and people seeking asylum by Australia's offshore processing and detention regime

**Dot points** (you only need to choose a few of these to make a compelling letter)

·      I ask you to read the ASRC report *"Health Crisis in Offshore Detention"*  This situation is unjust and inhumane.

·      By continuing to hold people in PNG and Nauru, the Australian Government is actively harming these refugees and people seeking asylum.

·      Refugees and people seeking asylum have now been trapped in PNG for 11 years.

·      The endless waiting and uncertainty has taken a huge toll on their mental health.

·      They have been denied adequate medical care.

·      At least 14 people have died as a result of Australia's offshore processing regime.

·      A small number from PNG are being resettled in third countries, but this is painfully slow and will take years for those who are eligible to actually be resettled.

·      Some of those in PNG are not eligible for NZ, Canada or the US and have no resettlement option.

·      Leaving them in PNG is actively harming their mental and physical health.

·      The deterioration in their mental health is making it more difficult for them to be resettled.

·      Some in PNG are currently too ill to participate in any resettlement process.

·      The Australian Government needs to act.

·      On Nauru, refugees and people seeking asylum have been held there since Sep 2023 – now 11 months.

·      We know from the Nauru files the terrible harm done to those previously held on Nauru.

·      The Australian Government must not let this happen again.

**Solutions**

**PNG**

·      This situation can be resolved by bringing them to Australia so that they are safe and can receive the support and medical care that they require.

·      All in PNG should be offered the option of being transferred to Australia while awaiting resettlement.

·      This was successfully done in 2023 for those who had been trapped on Nauru for ten years, and it can be done for those in PNG.

·      Those who are seriously ill in PNG need urgent transfer to Australia for medical care

**Nauru**

·      Leaving people on Nauru will start another cycle of harm

·      Medical care on Nauru is clearly inadequate

·      They should be promptly transferred to Australia while their claims for protection are being assess and while awaiting resettlement

·      They should not be left to languish on Nauru