

*We are one
But we are many
And from all the lands
on earth we come
We'll share a dream
and sing with one voice
**I am, you are
We are Australian***



Justice for Refugees SA

Refrain from "We are Australian" written by Bruce Woodley of The Seekers and Dobe Newton of The Bush Whackers, 1987

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Being cruel to refugees is un-Australian



Australians value a 'Fair Go' and a tolerant society, welcoming the contributions of people from all walks of life. Why do we continue to treat refugees and people seeking asylum inhumanely, without compassion and with no regard for their dignity?

“They ask ‘What the hell are you people up to? You have this vast country. You have the smallest number of (people seeking asylum) of any country in the world almost and you treat them in such an inhumane manner.’”

Responding to questioning from her overseas connections
JANET HOLMES & COURT, SMH, 3 February 2019

Refugees are ready, willing and able



Refugees in Australia engage heavily in job searching and vocational education, and often accept work below their levels of experience and education. The energies, talents and drive of refugees are often underused. This detracts from our nation building and economic potential.

The people of Nhill in western Victoria have warmly welcomed Karen-Burmese refugees to their community and understand they have helped boost the town's economy. These refugees now make up:

10%
of Nhill's population

18%
of their workforce

Refugees in limbo hold our nation back



25,000
refugees and people seeking asylum are currently living in Australia on Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) or Bridging Visas.

7,000
people on TPVs could have their income support cut by the current Government before they have been able to find a job.

Children of these families struggle to receive a fair education

This Government requires refugees on temporary visas to pay **international student fees** for tertiary education, making it inaccessible for most.

Refugees are just like us



Refugees bring a lot to Australian society. Refugees are contributing by working, paying taxes, supporting their children's ambitions, and by volunteering. We as a nation have proudly supported the successful careers of many former refugees such as:

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC
Current Governor of South Australia

Khadija Gbla Entrepreneur, advocate against female genital mutilation

Karl Kruszelnicki (Dr Karl) Scientist, ABC presenter

Adi Tefera Entrepreneur, owner Four Brave Women cafe

Dr Munjed Al Muderis One of the world's leading orthopaedic specialists in osseointegration

The economics just don't make sense!



\$400,000 a year

for just **ONE** person seeking asylum to be detained and processed offshore

10 times more

than the cost of living within the community on a Bridging Visa

\$1.15 billion

was spent by the Australian Government on offshore detention in 2018-19

Be part of the solution



1 Lobby local Federal Members of Parliament to recognise that most informed Australians have a compassionate and caring attitude toward refugees and that Government policy should reflect this widespread view.

2 Change the conversation amongst friends and family to raise awareness of the realities behind Australia's treatment of people seeking asylum and refugees.

3 Become a supporter-member of Justice for Refugees
www.justiceforrefugeessa.org