

## **END ILLEGAL CONFINEMENT OF REFUGEES – GIVE THEM THEIR LEGAL RIGHT TO ASYLUM**

The recent PNG Supreme Court's declaration that Manus Island detention is unlawful, which means the Australian Government's continued operation of Manus Island to detain innocent refugees is illegal and a crime.

Under international law, refugees have the legal right to seek asylum in Australia. Their detention in offshore refugee detention camps where they suffer inhumane conditions prevents them from seeking their rights to asylum.

While the Australian government continues offshore detention they make every Australian citizen a criminal and unlawfully punish refugees for fleeing crimes against them in the counties of their origin.

Every day we see innocent men, women or children being subjected to physical and mental torture in illegal offshore detention.

We therefore ask the House to call on the Australian Government to:

- end their illegal confinement of refugees in offshore detention centres,
- close Manus Island, Nauru and Christmas Island detention centres immediately and
- bring the innocent refugees to Australia where they can seek their legal right to asylum in Australia.

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