

Refugee Action Collective Vic

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Refugee Advocacy group wants to put Australian Politicians in the dock to face criminal charges.

Civil Society Complaint filed by Refugee Action Collective Victoria at the International Criminal Court is now entered in the Prosecutor's Registry. Further, the Complaint is now subject to analysis by the office of Chief Prosecutor Ms Fatou Bensouda whose particular interest is the welfare of children and women.

RAC-Vic's submission asks the ICC to hear and decide the case against persons who have and continue to act as members of the Australian Government against asylum seekers and refugees. Reflecting the revulsion and dismay of many Australians, it is alleged that these actions are in breach of many United Nations conventions and amount to crimes against Humanity.

The following persons are named in the Complaint:

Former Prime Minister Tony Abbott

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

Former Minister of Immigration Scott Morrison

Minister of Immigration Peter Dutton

Attorney General George Brandis

57 Civil Society groups and organizations, representing informed opinion, the professional concerns of doctors, nurses and midwives, teachers, social workers and others have endorsed this action.

RAC-Vic is submitting a stream of evidence of breaches of International Criminal Law by persons acting on behalf of the Australian government. It is pressing for these persons to be tried also.

Having achieved registration and recognition, the first two stages of the process, RAC-Vic is looking forward to the third stage, the commencement of prosecutions.

Prior submissions to the Court filed by Mr Andrew Wilkie, MHR and Ms Tracey Aylmer, Lawyer and statements by Mr Julian Burnside QC are acknowledged by RAC-Vic.

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