

DON'T REOPEN CHRISTMAS ISLAND DETENTION CENTRE

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of the Refugee Action Collective - Victoria, draws to the attention of the House:

- In light of the Medevac Bill passing in the Senate and the House of Representatives, Scott Morrison has announced a plan to reopen the Christmas Island Detention Centre.
- When it was last in operation, Christmas Island Detention Centre was heavily militarised, and refugees were subject to institutionalised abuse and neglect. In one known case a refugee was placed in solitary confinement for 12 hours.
- Christmas Island is not equipped for the complex health needs of people medically evacuated from Nauru or Manus; its re-opening represents an expensive, dangerous and cruel health delay.
- Deterrence measures such as re-opening Christmas Island will necessarily lead to human rights abuses and contribute to the demonisation of people who seek asylum.

We therefore ask the House to:

- **Close all the camps:** close all immigration detention centres, both onshore and offshore.
- **Bring them all here:** bring all the asylum seekers and refugees that Australia currently holds on Manus and Nauru to Australia.
- **Let them all stay:** Immediate processing and permanent protection visas, not community detention or temporary protection for refugees.
- **End the Lies:** The sacking of any Ministers who, like Peter Dutton, deliberately and repeatedly lie and obfuscate about the character of refugees, generating fear and racism against people who seek asylum.

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