

# 2022 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

## Our principal objective

To reset Australia's refugee policy to provide welcome, protection, and safe settlement and to be fully consistent with the Refugee Convention and Protocols and International Human Rights obligations.

## To reach this objective we aim for:

- Immediate release from detention of all refugees and people seeking asylum.
- An end to mandatory detention of people seeking asylum, both onshore and offshore.
- Rights to apply for permanent protection and an end to all forms of temporary visas for refugees.
- Appropriate support for all refugees, people seeking asylum and their families living in community settings.
- Policies which assist refugees to reunite with their families.

## In our attitudes and actions:

- We value and draw upon the diverse experiences of wise women elders constituting our grassroots movement.
- We build on the respect and visible presence achieved by Grandmothers for Refugees organising within federal electorates.
- We plan and act for change as we hear the expressed interests of refugees.

## Our main target groups are:

- Electorate communities and the wider Australian voting public.
- MPs, Senators and electoral candidates.
- Political influencers including media.

## Our actions will include:

- **Political lobbying** – meetings with MPs, Senators and candidates, making local political connections, active engagement with independents
- **Community awareness raising** – keeping street vigils, being visible, using petitions, handing out flyers, street conversations, showing up and standing up at rallies.
- **Information sharing** – website and social media activity, monitoring sector activities and sharing news.
- **Advocating** – researching and writing submissions, submitting articles, arranging and turning up to face-to-face meetings, asking questions.
- **Networking** – forming alliances and coordinating message themes and action plans with key others in the refugee support network.

**Grandmothers and friends are encouraged to join the G4R Federal Election Campaign in their local federal electorate area.**