



# Torment of Refugees. Ten years. Still happening. **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**

**Grandmothers for Refugees welcome recent good news for more than 19,000 refugees. They can settle in Australia permanently.**

- > 5,387<sup>1</sup> on Temporary Protection Visa
- > 14,227 on Safe Haven Protection Visa

**BUT – there are more than 9,000 (maybe as many as 12,000) for whom the torment of hopelessness is still going on.**

- > 932 still at first stage of application for permanent residence
- > 910 under review
- > 9,818 refused, may be reviewed

**Then there are the “NEVER EVER TO SETTLE IN AUSTRALIA” people who spent time on Manus/PNG or Nauru.**

They include families with little kids. Imagine that – kids being cruelly and deliberately sent to those hell-holes?

It was done for political gain.

- > 3,127 total sent offshore after 19 July 2013
- > 1,131 resettled in USA/other third country
- > 1,115 brought to Australia for temporary medical care

**We now understand that refugees coming by boats were randomly selected for transfer to those island prisons.**

Others arriving on the very same boats were brought to Australia and are now being offered permanent protection – as they should be. But how was it decided who was sent where? Behrouz Boochani, detained on Manus for years, says it was just random choice.

1. 31 January 2022 figures and updates shared within the Refugee Support Network.

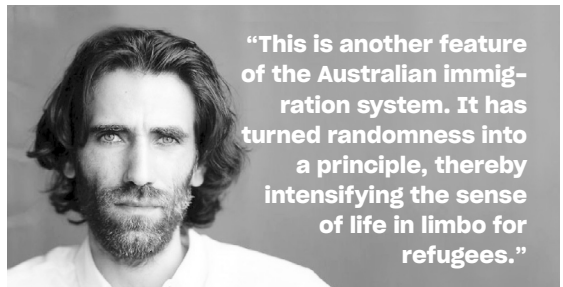


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**“Every new policy that is announced excludes thousands of eligible people, who don’t understand why. That was the case from the very beginning, when they were taking people from boats to camps.**

**“Even the people who came to Australia on the same boat had different fates. Some ended up offshore and some were taken to the mainland, and no one ever clarified the criteria for those decisions.”**

*Behrouz Boochani  
The Saturday Paper, March 11-17*

Understandably, the refugees missing out on the recent promise of permanent protection are angry.

**They demand:**

**“SAME BOAT, SAME TREATMENT”**

They don’t accept random selection used for a political campaign should determine their future and that of their kids.

**Grandmothers say:**

**Permanent protection for ALL refugees**

# 10 years of cruelty? Time's up! Permanent protection for ALL.



## URGENT CALL TO ACTION

**If you think ten years of torment and cruelty inflicted on children, parents and other adults purely for domestic political purposes is more than enough, please, don't be silent.**

### There are things YOU can do

#### **1 Make your views known to your local Federal MP and Senator.**

>> *Write*

c/- Parliament House Canberra 2000

>> *Email*

Search for the right e-address at Senators and Members, Parliament of Australia ([aph.gov.au](http://aph.gov.au))

>> *Phone*

(02) 6277 7111 and ask to be put through to the MP's office

#### **2 Sign the Grandmothers for Refugees petition before 15 May.**

Petitions are circulating at G4R vigils or go to [www.grandmothersforrefugee.org](http://www.grandmothersforrefugee.org)

#### **The Petition notes that:**

>> Australia has a **duty of care** to ALL of the 30,000 desperate people in Australia seeking asylum (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals, Legacy Caseload, and Transitory Persons).

>> **Between 9,000 and 12,000 have been excluded** from processes announced in 2023 to grant permanent protection and freedom to settle in Australia. Over 100 still remain trapped in PNG and Nauru; some have been there for 10 years.

>> Many people seeking asylum claim that decision-making on their **treatment was inconsistent**, with some being sent offshore, and others arriving on the same boat staying in Australia. Others have been denied permanency based on a decision made using the now discredited fast track system. Some are still waiting to have their claims for refugee status processed.

#### **The Petition calls on Members of the House to:**

**1. Affirm Australia's duty of care to ALL of the about 30,000** people who came by boat seeking asylum in Australia (Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals, Legacy Caseload, and Transitory Persons);

**2. Request the Minister for Immigration to acknowledge and explain past discriminatory treatment** of people arriving on the same boat when selecting those for offshore processing; and

**3. Request the Minister for Immigration to extend the 2023 Resolution of Status process for granting permanent protection to INCLUDE ALL so-called Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals, Legacy Caseload, and Transitory Persons.**



Grandmothers for Refugees is a grass roots movement that advocates for compassionate welcome and safe settlement of all people seeking asylum.

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