

Refugees Off PNG and Nauru - Activism Plan 2024

Core Problem

- The Australian Government continues to leave refugees and asylum seekers in PNG where they continue to suffer harm to their physical and mental health, with no adequate plan for their resettlement.
- The Australian Government is sending new refugees and asylum seekers to Nauru and leaving them there where they are at high risk of harm to their physical and mental health, with no transparency about the conditions in which they are held, or the longer term plan for their resettlement.

Campaign Asks

Immediate needs:

- Those who are seriously ill in PNG need to be urgently transferred to Australia to receive the medical care that they require
- Basic supports need to be reinstated for those in PNG – food, electricity and gas, safe transport, medical care and secure accommodation.

Definitive solutions:

- Those who have been approved for resettlement in a third country need to have their resettlement expedited
- All those in PNG should be given the option of being transferred to Australia while awaiting resettlement. When transferred to Australia they should be allowed to live in the community and provided with appropriate support and medical care. They should not be held in locked detention.
- Those on Nauru need to be provided with appropriate support and medical care. Those found to be refugees should not be left to languish on Nauru, but should be transferred to Australia while awaiting resettlement.

Actions you can take

1. Write a letter or email each month to your local MP and key Ministers - to keep the pressure on them and to demonstrate that the community is concerned about these issues.

- You can write about any aspect of the issue that you like
- The working group will provide a suggested focus each month with dot points to assist
- We will recommend which MPs, Senators and Ministers you should write to and provide their contact details
- We encourage refugee advocates to write individual letters and emails as this has more impact than using a proforma letter or email
- We will provide the above information by email. If you would like to receive it please email kevin2sweeney@me.com and he will add you to the email list

Here are our suggestions for the

- [June letter](#)
- [July letter](#)
- [August letter](#)
- [September letter](#)

- [October letter](#)
- [November letter](#)

2. Meet with your MP

If you are able to, it is powerful to meet with your local federal MP. We can support you in this by providing advice, a briefing paper, and by putting you in contact with others who are also keen to meet with your local MP.

3. Use events that you are holding to raise community awareness and to invite people to take actions that demonstrate their concern to politicians.

- Resources are available to assist you with this, including [Leaflet #1](#), [Leaflet #2](#), [Postcards - Refugees Off PNG](#), [QR codes](#), [One-liners for Signs and Banners](#) and [Key Messages](#)
- If asking the general community to take action, usually there are only a small number of people that will be willing to write an individual letter/email but many will sign a petition or complete a postcard
- Get as much media coverage as possible, even at a local level, for any events that you run

4. Use social media and mainstream media

- Use social media to spread the word - about the issue, what is happening, events etc
- Follow the social media campaign on [ARAN Facebook page](#) and repost in your networks
- Write letters to the Editor or an Opinion piece for your local paper

See [Key Messages](#) and [One-liners for Signs and Banners](#)

Plus the following resources developed by ASRC [logos, images, signs and social media tiles](#) and [messaging guidelines](#)

5. Promote this campaign through your networks, in newsletters and on social media

6. Join the Working Group if you are keen to contribute to the campaign development and implementation. Contact the Convenor, Kevin Sweeney, at kevin2sweeney@me.com

Note: This Activism Plan will be periodically updated and new resources added, so if you use the link to access this document you will always have the most up to date version.

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Thank you for helping to get the remaining refugees and asylum seekers off PNG and Nauru!