

**April 2022:
Durable Resettlement Solution**

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Included in this kit is the information you need to create your own letters

- Guide and Background notes prepared by ARAN’s Letter Writing Network.
- 2 sample letters to personalise and send.
- Postal Addresses for MPs and Senators
- Email addresses for MPs and Senators

NOTE: If you are sending an email be sure to include your NAME and ADDRESS
The Subject line of your email could be - - **Resettlement Solutions needed NOW**

Personalised letters and emails are best

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Regards,  
The ARAN Letter Writing Network  
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**KEY REQUESTS**

**We are calling on the Australian Government to provide a durable resettlement solution for those excluded from the US deal, the Canadian Community Sponsorship option, and the NZ offer.**

The recent releases from immigration detention have indeed been very welcome, but many people who arrived by boat after July 2013 and who were sent to PNG or Nauru are still hopelessly trapped in Australia's immigration system.

For more than 500 people, no resettlement option has been found. Many remain on Nauru or in PNG.

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### **3,127 people have been sent to Nauru & PNG since July 2013**

#### **Where are they now?**

- About 700 returned to countries of origin
- 14 have died (6 suicides, 1 murder, 3 accidents, 1 heart attack, 3 due to preventable medical complications)
- 7 sent to Cambodia but only 1 left (now with wife and child)
- ~1,000 resettled to USA
- 22 resettled to Canada
- 13 resettled to 8 other countries
- 1 granted asylum in New Zealand
  
- **1,384 remain in either PNG, Nauru or Australia**

#### **Breakdown of the 1,384**

##### **Papua New Guinea: 104 people**

- 45 people in USA process (but they may not all be accepted)
- 38 people in Canada process (but they may not all be accepted)
- 21 others (? refugee status)

##### **Nauru: 112 people**

- 40 people in USA process (but they may not all be accepted)
- 36 people in Canada process (but they may not all be accepted)
- 36 others (? refugee status)

##### **Australia: 1,168 people**

- ? in locked detention
- 541 (?) in community detention
- 576 (?) in community (with most on Final Departure Bridging Visas)

#### **1,384 Resettlement places needed**

##### **879 Resettlement places have finally been found**

- ~270 in US process
- ~159 in Canadian process
- 450 places in NZ over 3 years

**This still leaves approximately 500 people with no durable resettlement solution.**

## We suggest you write to your local MP and Senators in your State.

You may wish to send copies of your letters to

- Prime Minister
- Minister for Immigration
- Minister for Home Affairs
- Shadow Minister for Immigration

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### 1. The Prime Minister

Prime Minister  
PO Box 1306  
Cronulla,  
NSW, 2230

Or ...

PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

You cannot email the PM. Use the following link to the PM's Contact Form.

<https://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm>

### 2. Alex Hawke Minister for Immigration

The Hon Alex Hawke,  
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services & Multicultural Affairs  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Or ...

PO Box 1173  
Castle Hill NSW 1765

Use the following link to the Email Contact Form for Alex Hawke:

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### 3. The Hon Karen Andrews Minister for Home Affairs

The Hon Karen Andrews, Minister for Home Affairs  
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House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Or ...

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Varsity Lakes QLD 4227  
Email: [Karen.Andrews.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Karen.Andrews.MP@aph.gov.au)

You may also like to send emails to:

- Shadow Minister of Home Affairs Kristina Keneally [senator.keneally@aph.gov.au](mailto:senator.keneally@aph.gov.au)
- Greens Senator Nick McKim [senator.mckim@aph.gov.au](mailto:senator.mckim@aph.gov.au)
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**Local MP and Senators in your State**  
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Dear

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**3,127 people** seeking asylum in Australia have been sent to Nauru & PNG

Resettlement places have finally been found for approximately 879 refugees

- *270 people may be accepted by the USA*
- *159 people may be accepted by Canada*
- *450 people may be able to resettle in NZ over the next 3 years*

But after **NINE** years ...

**500 people** (approximately) remain without a resettlement solution.

Denied resettlement, they are without a future.

I call on you to insist the Minister and the Government allow these people to settle in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Name:

Address: