

“GIVE THEM A FUTURE!”

Permanent visas for all refugees living in Australia

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These visas are not permanent protection visas. They place refugees in a continual state of extreme stress, fearing that they may eventually be returned to the country from which they fled persecution.

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a “Give them a Future!” postcard or brief letter to Federal politicians, calling for

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ISSUES

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- ◆ cannot apply for family reunion, causing refugees to be separated indefinitely from their families.
- ◆ Do not have the same access to services, rights and residency or citizenship pathways as refugees granted Permanent Protection Visas.
- ◆ Are penalized for their mode of entry, not the merit of their protection claims, contravening the UN Refugee Convention to which Australia is a signatory.
- ◆ Have to prove they are refugees again each time their visa expires, reliving their past traumas.

UNHCR has described these conditions as ‘punitive’ and noted their damaging effect on refugees’ mental health.

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They bring their willingness to give back to the country that has granted them safe asylum, and a desire to rebuild their lives in a peaceful, safe environment.

Refugees in the ‘Legacy Caseload’ have been living in our local communities for over eight years and are valued people - friends, neighbours, fellow workers. We have been enriched by them.

There is no benefit to anyone in continuing this punitive policy of suffering, which weakens our society.

Overleaf are the contact details for Federal politicians

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