

# KIDS OFF ALL OFF

**MARCH 2019 UPDATE: THEY'RE NOT SAFE YET**

There are grounds for celebration over the removal (at last!) of all the children from Nauru.

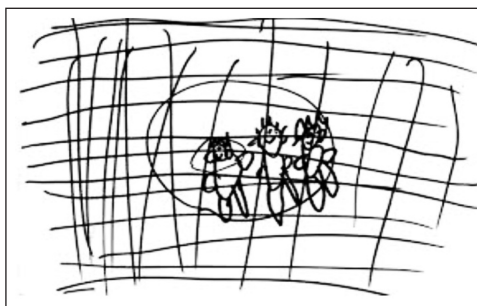
We also celebrate the passing of legislative amendments in both the House and the Senate of what is being commonly called the Medevac Bill or the Urgent Medical Treatment Bill.

**However, there remains work to be done.**

Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children remain absolutely committed to getting all the children, with their families, out of detention both onshore and offshore.

**Some refugee children are locked in detention here in Australia. In the detention centre at Broadmeadows (MITA), where conditions are deteriorating very cruelly, there are still children in detention. These include:**

- A 7-year-old boy transferred from Nauru who is imprisoned with his mother, even though his father is in the community and has a house waiting for them.
- A Vietnamese child, Isabella, (11 months) imprisoned with her mother, also with a father in the community long awaiting them.
- Two little girls with their parents from Biloela (Qld) threatened with deportation to Sri Lanka.



**There are still children forcibly separated from family members.**

- Many families are separated with some members in detention.
- Many of those imprisoned on Manus and Nauru were minors when they arrived here, and many are now young adults separated from their families.

**There are hundreds of children in community detention in Australia.**

The government website last updated December 31st 2018 shows that there are 2501 children with their families on Bridging Visas, and 288 children with their families in Community Detention.

- All of these are still in limbo and living with fear and uncertainty.
- Many have had their government support drastically reduced.
- Many of their parents are ill and unable to work; others are denied the right to work. And, each day, the children see their parents frustrated, fearful and depressed.
- Children are themselves ill, many undergoing psychiatric care for consequences of trauma.



# STOP THE CRUELTY

## Our parliamentarians, for years, have failed refugee children and their families.

The next parliament must redress the wrongs of the past. Grandmothers make Four Demands of the 46th Parliament.

1. End all forms of detention for refugee children.
2. End refugee family separation.
3. Get all refugees off Manus and Nauru to safe settlement.
4. Ensure refugee children and their families seeking asylum are held no longer than 72 hours to enable basic identity and health checks.

### DONATE TO OUR CAMPAIGN

**1. Please send to:**

Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children, Carlton LPO, PO Box 1279, Carlton Victoria 3053, or

**2. Please deposit:**

National Australia Bank

Account Name: Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children.

BSB No: 083 170 Account No: 8381 33480

### JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN

Email [grandmothersref@gmail.com](mailto:grandmothersref@gmail.com) giving your name, email address and Federal Electorate.



### CONTACT THE POLITICIANS

Tell the Prime Minister and your Member of Federal Parliament that you demand closure of detention centres established by the Australian Government on Nauru and Manus Island, and the release of all refugees including children, into a safe haven **NOW!**

Here's how to do it.

- > To find Prime Minister  
Type into Google: **Contact your PM**
- > To find your local member  
Type into Google: **Find your local MP**  
then add postcode
- > To find Senators  
Type into Google: **Senators Australia list**
- > **Contact The Hon Peter Dutton MP**  
[peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au)

**Join us at Palm Sunday Rallies across the  
nation to support Justice for Refugees.**

**Melbourne Rally – Palm Sunday, 14th April at 2pm**

Outside the Victorian State Library, Swanston Street, Melbourne