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On July 19 2013, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced that, '***any asylum seeker who arrives in Australia by boat will have no chance of being settled in Australia as refugees***', and would be sent to Papua New Guinea for processing and resettlement. Since the announcement, successive governments have failed in their duty of care for the men, women and children who have suffered in abusive conditions offshore with no hope of a safe future.

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DECEMBER 11, 2013



Amnesty International's Report, titled '***This is Breaking People***', details how offshore processing in Papua New Guinea has resulted in a host of human rights violations in implementing the Regional Resettlement Arrangement.

FEBRUARY 16-18, 2014



Periods of regular protests organised by those detained at the Manus Regional Processing Centre turn violent from anger and frustration. 60 people are injured and one man seeking asylum in Australia, Reza Berati, is killed from a severe brain injury by brutal beatings.

NOVEMBER 11, 2014



The Australian Human Rights Commission Report, titled the '***Forgotten Children Report***', highlights the indefinite detainment of 800 children including 186 of those in Nauru. Findings conclude negative impacts on the mental and emotional health and development of the children detained.

MARCH 20, 2015



An independent review, titled the '***Moss Review***', by former integrity commissioner Philip Moss highlights some of the sexual abuse allegations on Nauru including rape and sexual assault of minors.

AUGUST 31, 2015



A Senate Committee Report into the conditions at the Nauru detention centre found that it was 'not adequate, appropriate or safe for the 637 asylum seekers detained there', and calls for a full audit of allegations of sexual abuse, child abuse and other criminal conduct.

NOVEMBER 9, 2015



More than 100 member states criticised Australia's human rights record in the ***Universal Periodic Review*** by the UN Human Rights Council. The issue of people seeking asylum dominated concerns which included calls to stop boat turnbacks, end mandatory detention or use only when strictly necessary and with limitations.

APRIL 26, 2016



The Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea rules that the transferal and detention of people seeking asylum on Manus Island is both illegal and in violation of the right to personal liberty according to the national constitution. It calls upon the Australian government to cease the unlawful detention of those seeking asylum.

AUGUST 10, 2016



Over 8,000 pages in 2,000 leaked reports within Australia's detention regime between May 2013 and October 2015, titled the '***Nauru Files***' reveals physical assaults, sexual assaults, self-harm, child abuse and poor living conditions endured by people seeking asylum. The strongest evidence emerges from the staff working directly in the centres including caseworkers, guards, teachers and medical officers.

NOVEMBER 28, 2016



Following the death of Hamid Kehazaei from severe sepsis from an infected leg in September 2014, an ongoing coronial inquest exposed the failures of the systemically impaired immigration system providing insufficient and ineffective healthcare, as requests to move Kehazaei to a hospital with higher care were ignored or refused by officials.

APRIL 21, 2017



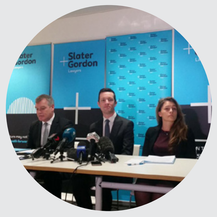
A Senate Committee Report reveals a deeply troubled asylum seeker and refugee population in unsafe living environments. It concludes clear failures by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection in administering the current policy in a safe and transparent manner.

JUNE 10, 2017



The UN Special Rapporteur, Francois Crepeau, visited detention centres and reveals in his report that the offshore detention programme is not only unjustifiably punitive but responsible for the physical and psychological damage suffered by refugees and people seeking asylum.

JUNE 14, 2017



The Australian government settles a class action brought by Slater and Gordon on behalf of 1,905 refugees and people seeking asylum detained on Manus Island. The outcome will award $70 million in compensation by the Australian government for illegally detaining those in dangerous and damaging conditions on Manus Island.