

# #RightTrack



## Getting on the #RightTrack means creating a fair asylum process

When any of us deal with the law, we expect that we will have a fair chance to present our case. When people seek asylum they, like all of us, should have a fair and dignified process.

### THE CURRENT SITUATION

**People who came by sea have been waiting - many more than three years - for the Government to allow them to lodge their cases for asylum.**

In this time, the government has changed the rules and chosen to implement a system which discriminates against people who came by sea. It is a deliberate attempt to reduce someone's chance of being given refugee status.

On top of this, the Government has chosen to **cut legal funding** for most people who came by sea.

This means people may be left unassisted to navigate this system, which:

- operates within **short timeframes**, meaning people may rush to lodge their applications which increases the risk of omitting vital information.
- requires completion of **complex legal application forms** (60+ pages), only available in English.
- denies the right of **meaningful review** for unsuccessful applications, which means our Government may wrongly deport people back to harm.

If successful, the Government only offers people **temporary protection**, limiting asylum to three or five years.

- This leaves people in a state of social and financial limbo, denying them the opportunity to become a part of our community and prosper.
- Temporary protection does not permit family reunion or visits, so people cannot rebuild their lives with their families.

### GETTING ON THE #RIGHTTRACK

**A process that treats all people fairly and with respect should:**

- be clear, accessible and transparent.
- be the same for all people regardless of their date or means of arrival.
- have a timeframe that allows for proper advice, access to legal help and for considered preparation of applications.
- restore funding for legal assistance, and provide the necessary support for people to access that service.
- make decisions and outcomes about asylum subject to fair review and to standards enjoyed by all.
- allow permanent residence for people once they have been found to be refugees.

**Getting on the #RightTrack is up to us. We want to know how you think we can get there.**

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