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People Seeking Asylum

Conference calls on the next Federal Labor Government to:

1. Ensure no children are kept in detention. Rather, they will be placed into community-run reception centres together with their families.
2. Increase Australia's humanitarian intake to at least 30,000.
3. Close off-shore processing centres in Manus, Nauru and Christmas Island and transfer all detainees to Australia for on-shore processing.
4. End indefinite detention and implement a 30 day processing rule to be included in the Immigration Act (Cth).
5. Provide legal aid for people seeking asylum.
6. Abolish Temporary Protection Visas.
7. Increase funding for the UNHCR.
8. Have mandatory reporting of abuse in detention.
9. Create independent bodies to:
 - 9.1 advocate for asylum seeker children, with the capacity to bring legal action on their behalf;
 - 9.2 provide oversight of detention centres;
 - 9.3 establish an independent commission to inform the public on the facts on refugees and people seeking asylum.
10. Ensure that the provisions of the UN Refugee Convention and UN human rights instruments, to which Australia is signatory, are included in Australian asylum seeker and refugee domestic law and policy.
11. To achieve the cooperation required to reach sustainable regional processing arrangements, reject policies which turn away asylum-seeker boats.
12. Engage with Australia's neighbours to seek humane and effective solutions to the movement of people seeking asylum through the region. This approach will include multilateral engagement, particularly through the Bali process.
13. Maintain levels of foreign aid sufficient to address the root causes, improve conditions and the rule of law in the places from which people are escaping.