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| **15 March 2023****Please attend our March meetingOur next online meeting has been deferred by one week and will take place after the NSW election on Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 6.30pm. The Zoom link will be made available to members. The link to the minutes of our last meeting in February 2023 is**[*L4RMinutes22Feb2*](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=844194bbd6&e=f705cf268c)[*3*](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=0f541c8262&e=f705cf268c) **We hope to set our campaign agenda for 2023 at this meeting.****Our newsletter this month is a short one as many of our NSW members are busily campaigning to ensure that the NSW Liberal/National Party government, will not be re-elected at the 25 March election.**  **Temporary protection visas****At our last meeting, members decided that we should write to the Immigration Minister Andrew Giles, about those refugees who were not included in last month's decision by the government, which allowed 19,000 people on a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) or on a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV), to apply for a newly created permanent residency visa. We wanted the government to inform us of its plans, if any, for a number of cohorts, who remain in limbo because they were excluded from this decision. They comprise of 12,000 refugees/people seeking asylum, who form part of the "legacy caseload" of boat arrivals and who have been living in Australia for more than a decade. The other cohort comprises of about 1,200 people who tried to reach Australia by boat after 2014 and were transferred to Australia for medical treatment. They are known as the "transitory persons" group. There are also about 2,500 people waiting for decisions or reviews who will have their applications considered for the new permanent visa. Our letter was sent to the Immigration Minister on the 26 February last and can be read at**[*L4RletterMinGilesreTPVs26Feb23*](https://facebook.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=09c48b6cba9909c3558998ce0&id=9150805bbb&e=f705cf268c)**We hope to see you at our meeting on the 29 March.**  **Regards****Nizza SianoSecretary L4R NSWemail:***contact@labor4refugees.com**Copyright © 2023 Labor for Refugees (NSW), All rights reserved.*

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