

## **TAKE ACTION! URGE LABOR GOVERNMENT TO QUICKLY REGULARISE THE STATUS OF PEOPLE LEFT BEHIND IN THE 'FAST TRACK' COHORT TO PERMANENCY**

*Refugee advocacy groups and individuals across Australia are extremely concerned for the cohort of less than 8000 people whose refugee claims were rejected under the flawed and unfair 'Fast Track process'. Nearly 13 years of living in fear and uncertainty has led to critical levels of mental anguish, early deaths and high suicide risk.*

**You can help by writing to the Minister for Immigration Tony Burke with a copy to your local MP.**

Tell him in your own words that:

- ❖ NOW is the time to grant permanent visas to the asylum seekers from the flawed and unfair 'Fast Track' process.
- ❖ Australians sent a clear message at the recent Federal Election that they want a society that is inclusive, equitable and kind.
- ❖ Living in indefinite limbo, and in separation from family, for almost 13 years has had a dire effect on people's mental and physical health. Too many lives have been lost already.
- ❖ The current assessment of individual Ministerial Intervention Requests for permanency is extremely slow, inefficient, inconsistent, and will take years to complete.
- ❖ UN advice states that signatory states should allow asylum seekers, who have been living in their countries for a significant amount of time, to settle there.
- ❖ Granting permanent residence status can be undertaken immediately through a simple 'regularisation' process for people seeking asylum who have been part of, and contributing to, our Australian communities for years.
- ❖ This process would be quick, efficient, cohort-limited and consistent for all. People would still have to meet specific identity, health, security and character requirements.

### **Please write to:**

**Hon Tony Burke MP Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Immigration & Citizenship**

Postal Address: PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Online Contact Form: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/departmental-forms/online-forms/contact-the-minister>

**Send a copy of your letter to** Richard Marles MP or Libby Coker MP (or your local MP if outside of the Geelong area).

[Richard.Marles.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Richard.Marles.MP@aph.gov.au)

[Libby.Coker.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Libby.Coker.MP@aph.gov.au)

### **What to write:**

Use some, or all, of the dot points above to tell Minister Burke why now is the time to act, why taking action is important, and what action should be taken.

Start your letters by saying something about yourself, to individualise your letter. Make sure you include your name, address and contact information.

