



Protest sign at the 'March in March' Brisbane Rally, March 2014. © Changing the Tide

**Changing the Tide** is a rights-based social movement committed to changing asylum seeker policy in Australia. We defend the human right of those fleeing persecution to seek safe refuge and protection within Australia.

We work together and with others to build a culture in Australia which recognises the human rights of all people including those seeking asylum.

### **Our Vision**

Australia acknowledges and respects the humanity and rights of asylum seekers and honours its international obligations by providing safe refuge and protection within Australia.

### **Our Mission**

We work collaboratively to shift public opinion on attitudes towards asylum seekers and advocate for a more humane and lawful asylum seeker policy for Australia.

### **Our Pillars**

We recognise the UN Convention on Refugees as the key multilateral treaty which defines the rights of asylum seekers and refugees and the legal obligations of states.

As a signatory to this Convention we call on the Australian Government to honour these obligations and demand they:

1. Bring an end to Operation Sovereign Borders
2. Close off shore regional processing centres and return all those arbitrarily detained to Australia
3. Commence the immediate processing of asylum seeker claims
4. Resettle all those determined to be refugees in Australia
5. Work collaboratively with UNHCR and South East Asian transit countries to establish well regulated and resourced processing centres that are controlled by Australia
6. Increase Australia's refugee intake.

**Support the UN's role in holding the Government to account by signing our petition: <http://bit.ly/UNpetition>**

"... disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind" (UN Charter:1948:1)

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