



AUSTRALIA IS NOT THE WORLD'S WELFARE STATE

One Nation believes Australia has NO international obligation to accept all who claim to be refugees.

One Nation believes ALL those who come to Australia illegally and claim refugee status should be returned to their point of departure.

Currently illegal immigrants claiming refugee status receive the Asylum Seekers Assistance which is 89% of the Centrelink Special Benefit payment, approximately \$600 per fortnight. We believe this is not on!

When these illegal immigrants and other persons seeking a Permanent Protection Visa (PPV), in the year 2008-2009, some 13,507 persons were granted such visas, some 1897 received the ASA totalling \$4.79 million. These 13,507 visa holders had *IMMEDIATE* access to ALL available forms of welfare, further straining infrastructure of this nation with their health and education demands.

As they demand housing and qualify for priority state housing they force Australian citizens to wait even longer for housing they need. In taking this state housing they force up the levels of rent in private housing.

One Nation believes anybody entering Australia as an "Asylum Seeker" must have an Australian citizen sponsor who will accommodate said person and cover ALL their financial needs.

Always, but particularly at this time of financial uncertainty our Australian governments must stop putting the welfare of foreigners before the welfare of Australian citizens!

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