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The Hon. Julia Gillard
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms. Gillard,

ASYLUM SEEKERS/REFUGEES

Catholics in Coalition for Justice & Peace is a coalition of individuals and groups, working for the emergence of just social structures in Australia and overseas. It works as an integral part of the Church at the service of the world and especially for victims of injustice.

CCJP aims to act in solidarity with the poor, deprived and oppressed people of Australia and the world in the struggle for justice and peace.

It is of great distress to our membership to see that the Australian Government proceeded so rapidly to introduce legislation to re-instate off-shore processing.

Rather than 'solving the problem' of boat arrivals, detaining asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island is simply a return to the 'Pacific Solution'.

When this was operating, the long periods spent in isolated detention facilities destroyed the mental health of some of the world's most vulnerable people, particularly children.

We call on the Government to show clearly that you are committing the necessary funds and taking the necessary diplomatic steps to ensure all 22 recommendations of the Expert Panel will be implemented as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully,

Christine Brenton
(On behalf of Catholics in Coalition for Justice & Peace)