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Bring Them Here (Refugee Relocation and Future Processing) Act 2017

**A Bill for an Act to close all offshore detention camps,
bring all inhabitants to Australia, and ensure further new
arrivals will be processed in a timely manner.**

Introduced by MaiqTheLiar42

Written by Senator Mtmdog

Explanatory memorandum:

The bill aims to relocate refugees in off-shore detention centres to on-shore accommodation. Part 2 of the bill shuts down the Manus Island and Nauru detention centres, bringing the people imprisoned there to detention centres based on Australian soil. Part 3 of the bill prevents any new detention centres from being opened.

Financial Impact Statement

This bill is expected to have no impact on the budget.

Second reading speech:

Mister Speaker,

I rise to speak in favour of this bill. Australia's offshore detention is barbaric, costly, and a violation of innumerable human rights. We must shut these camps and bring the people in them to Australia. Imprisoning those who are escaping from tyrannous regimes or war should not be something that we as a compassionate, modern country aspire to.

This bill seeks shut down these un-ethical camps and move those inside the Manus Island and Nauru detention centres towards suitable accommodation on Australian soil. This will result in the detention centres being regulated under Australian law, preventing any future human rights violations.

I urge all members to vote for this bill. Thank you.

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Part 1 — Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Bring Them Here Act 2017.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Objects of Act

The objects of this Act are to:

- 1) Immediately and permanently close the Manus Island, and Nauru detention and processing centres.
- 2) Ban any further offshore detention and processing centres from being opened in the future.
- 3) Order that all those currently held in detention be brought to Australia and put up in the reasonable accommodation.

4 Definitions

Offshore detention and processing centre means any facility used to hold and/or process arrivals, that is not located in Australia.

Manus Island Detention centre means the Manus Regional Processing Centre located in the Manus Province of Papua New Guinea.

Nauru Detention centre means the Nauru Regional Processing Centre located in the Meneng District of Nauru.

Refugee / Asylum Seeker means anyone who meets the criteria of Article 1 of the *Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951*

Reasonable accommodation means accommodation which is safe, secure, comfortable, and is appropriate to the size of the family unit or individuals seeking asylum.

Part 2 — Closure of offshore detention and processing centres

5 Closure of Manus Island detention centre

- 1) The Manus Island detention centre located in Papua New Guinea will be closed immediately.
- 2) All those currently detained there shall be brought to Australia within 6 months of the commencement of this Act;
 - a. They shall be accommodated according to section 7(2) of this Act.

6 Closure of Nauru detention centre

- 1) The detention centre located on Nauru will be closed immediately.
- 2) All those currently detained there shall be brought to Australia within 6 months of the commencement of this Act;
 - a. They shall be accommodated according to section 7(2) of this Act.

7 Accommodation of those previously detained in aforementioned centres

- 1) Those brought to Australia under sections 5(2) and 6(2) of this Act shall be processed within 6 months of the commencement of this Act.
- 2) Reasonable accommodation shall be provided, which shall include access to basic legal, medical and educational help.

Part 3 — Prohibition of further offshore detention and processing

8 No future centres to be opened offshore

- 1) No processing and/or detention centres will be constructed anywhere outside of Australia.
 - 2) No processing and/or detention centres will be purchased to be operated anywhere outside of Australia.
 - 3) No arrangements will be made with foreign governments to facilitate the processing and/or detention of refugees, asylum seekers or immigrants anywhere outside of Australia.
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