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Australian Democrats Whip

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The Secretary
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16 Shannon Place
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Dear U Ne Oo

Thank you for your letter of 30 August with regard to the asylum seekers the Australian Government have sent to Nauru.

As you are probably aware the Senate is currently debating six pieces of legislation dealing with migration and (Australian) border protection.

Although my colleagues and I in the Australian Democrats are speaking and voting against these bills, the ALP will be supporting the government. Therefore, legislation will come into force which will enable whichever party is in government to turn people away from our shores who are fleeing harsh regimes in the hope of finding safety for themselves and their families.

It will be a sad day for Australia when this legislation is passed.

Yours sincerely

VICKI BOURNE
Australian Democrats Senator for NSW