



Australian Government

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Tell your family, friends and loved ones
– there's NO ADVANTAGE...
say no to people smugglers.



More information on the dangers of
people smuggling can be found at the
No to People Smuggling YouTube channel
www.youtube.com/user/notopeoplesmuggling

The Australian Government has made
major changes to the way it processes
the applications of asylum seekers who
travel to Australia by boat.

Legislation passed now enables Australia to process protection applications of asylum seekers in Nauru or Papua New Guinea. These applications will be processed no faster than those people waiting in refugee camps in other countries. People who come by boat can no longer sponsor family members to Australia under the special humanitarian program. There is no guarantee genuine refugees will be resettled in Australia.

There is no advantage in taking a people smuggler's boat instead of applying for a refugee visa through regular channels.

The key message to those seeking to use people smugglers to make the dangerous sea voyage to Australia is: do not get on that boat.

Australians are hospitable people and believe in honouring their international protection obligations.

However, Australia is committed to breaking the people smugglers' business model and the trade in human misery on which the smugglers rely. Too many people seeking asylum have died on their way to Australia by boat – this has to stop.

Anyone thinking about engaging people smugglers should think twice about spending significant amounts of money to be smuggled by sea to Australia in the knowledge they will gain no advantage over applying through normal channels.

Irregular migration and people smuggling are global and regional problems that cannot be solved by one country alone, but must be tackled in partnership with other countries.

Governments from countries in the region have agreed that irregular movement facilitated by people smugglers should be eliminated and that countries should support opportunities for orderly migration.

The arrangements into which Australia has committed to entering with Nauru and Papua New Guinea are based on that principle.

Australians have a legitimate expectation that those seeking access to this country will be subject to a fair and orderly process.

The government believes that people who are seeking to join family should apply through the appropriate processes, not pay people smugglers to bring them to Australia and to risk a perilous journey.