

Medivac Bill for urgent medical transfers from Nauru and Manus Island

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Dear Anne

Thank you **[on behalf of CRA]** for contacting the office of Dr Kerryn Phelps AM MP, your Independent Member of Parliament for Wentworth.

Dr Phelps thanks you for your kind words and your advocacy in this matter. This legislation would not have succeeded without assistance from groups such as yours.

Medical decisions on urgent medical transfers from Manus Island and Nauru need to be made by doctors not bureaucrats. Bureaucrats have a demonstrated history of obstructing and delaying medical treatment.

This Bill provides for temporary medical transfers for treatment in Australia, and is limited to those refugees currently detained on Nauru or Manus Island. It does not apply to any potential future arrivals.

This does not dilute border protection and has no effect on Operation Sovereign Borders.

We need a regional solution to permanently settle remaining refugees and guarantee their freedom and safety. Accepting New Zealand's offer would be a good start.

I invite you to follow Dr Phelps' Facebook page DrKerrynPhelpsMP to stay up to date on this and other issues of local concern.

Regards

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