

POSITIVE ACTIONS OF THE RUDD GOVT ON ASYLUM SEEKERS:

- Nauru and Manus Is (PNG) Detention Centres have been closed, thus almost ending the Pacific 'Solution' - Christmas Island is still open.
- Australian Immigration authorities in Islamabad have been instructed to deal urgently with offshore Humanitarian Visa applications for a family of nine (from Lombok) who have been waiting since 2001 to have their status finalised while the previous Governmentt paid IOM to keep them in Indonesia.

12 more families are still waiting).

FURTHER CHANGES THAT ASYLUM SEEKER ADVOCATES AND ORGANISATIONS ARE LOBBYING FOR:

- ending the Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) and Temporary Humanitarian Visa (THV) systems - which effectively impoverish legal immigrants
- ending, in its entirety, the Pacific Solution
- release of long-term asylum seeker detainees
- granting of visas on humanitarian grounds by the Minister rather than the department.
- family reunion for TPV and THV holders
- granting work rights to asylum seekers holding Bridging E visas
- dispensing with the erroneous term "illegals" to describe legitimate seekers of asylum.