

Mandatory detention of refugees

Could we live with it?

Caritas Meeting - Thursday 28 June 2012 at 7.30pm
Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon, Wellington

Meeting chair:

Joris de Bres
Race relations Commissioner

Speakers:

Fr Maurizio Pettena and Joe Moloney
Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office



Mohammad Amiri
Wellington Changemakers Refugee Forum

Julianne Hickey
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The Immigration Amendment Bill currently before Parliament provides for mandatory detention of asylum seekers who arrive in groups of 11 or more.

The Australian Catholic Church has considerable experience of the social and fiscal costs of locking-up refugees. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has joined Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand in making written submissions about the Bill, and are coming to New Zealand to ask the Select Committee to respond with compassion to refugees.

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