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There are 1,500 Afghan men, women and children in the community waiting for a decision from the Department of Home Affairs as to whether they will be granted refugee protection. But the Australian Government is saying it's safe to send them back.

Our team of researchers have just returned from Afghanistan where they met and interviewed people who had been returned by the Australian Government. Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia Phil Glendenning led the research team and [he spoke with Frank Kelly on ABC Radio last week](#):

*"People said to us things like '**when I take my children to school I don't know whether they'll be alive at the end of the day.**' Put yourself in the shoes of that person. Most of us are in the lucky situation of not having a clue of what war feels like, smells like, tastes like, but that's what it does to people. **And for the Government to say 'it's safe to go back' is ludicrous. It's wrong.**"*

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