



**Inhumane
Immigration Detention**

Inhumane Conditions & Humiliating Treatment in Australian Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA)

- 10 years in detention is not in transit
- Inhumane conditions in MITA (Melbourne) North Compound
 - Asylum seekers & refugees housed with common criminals is a breach of Australia's Human Rights (HR) commitments
 - Conditions worse than in Australian prisons – door less toilets, hard steel stools to sit on (not soft furnishing)
 - Excessive use of force by Serco Guards for simple requests eg sauce with tasteless meal.
 - 'Punishment Room' resulting in major injuries eg head injuries and broken bones
- Humiliation of being shackled (handcuffed) when in transit eg to Medical Appointments has severely ill people refusing treatment – two suicides this year
- Humiliating treatment of visitors – restrictions, red tape & drug testing designed to deter visits. Not allowed to bring fresh food, home cooked meals, & gifts including books & children's toys.
- Militarisation of detention in Australia by Australian Border Force coupled with contracting SERCO (that has lost contracts for unacceptable practices in UK, NZ and Scotland).
- These conditions and treatment are not acceptable! Australia MUST ensure – transfer of UN recognised refugees to humane accommodation - conditions & administration meet Australia's HR Commitments to UN Conventions - review Serco contracts to meet Australia's UN HR Obligations.