



## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Rural Australians for Refugees- a grass roots movement striving to return compassion and humanity to Australia's treatment of asylum seekers and refugees.**

### **RAR Associate members**

- Support the aims of RAR (the 10 Point Plan) and endeavour to do what they can to support refugees and asylum seekers
- Advocate for change in Australia's inhumane policies, in whatever way they can
- Can be groups or individuals
- Will receive RAR Updates and general communications, but do not have voting rights within RAR.

### **Our 10 Point Plan**

Rural Australians for Refugees calls on the Australian Government to seek solutions at a global, regional and national level to address the international asylum seeker and refugee crisis.

#### **As a Nation ... Australia should**

1. Receive asylum seekers in accordance with the humane standards set out in the United Nations Convention on Refugees which Australia signed in 1954.
2. Close all off-shore and remote detention centres and take full responsibility for processing asylum seeker claims here in Australia.
3. Rescind all current legislation that condones and even encourages human rights violations and establish a formal multi-party parliamentary committee to draft refugee and asylum seeker policies that will gain bipartisan support.
4. Do more to improve public understanding of the plight of asylum seeker issues and to dispel common myths.
5. Provide orientation, training and support to urban and rural communities willing to assist refugees with accommodation and employment.

#### **In our Region ... Australia should:**

6. Work with our Asia Pacific neighbours to find co-operative and non-punitive solutions to the flow of refugees into and through the region.
7. Ensure that countries currently hosting disproportionate numbers of refugees are given appropriate support.

#### **In the Global context ... Australia should:**

8. Use its position on the United Nations Security Council.
9. Seek a world -wide increase in aid for refugees.
10. Seek to influence oppressive governments who are persecuting their minority groups.

**Associate Membership Application**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Group (if applicable)	
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