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Workers who live here or transit through Brisbane to Nauru and Manus Island PNG have over the years confirmed the harsh conditions and the suffering of men women and children in Australian immigration detention. The Government has recently received three major independent reports validating complaints of rape, violent assault and torture in the wake of one murder and injury to about 70 others. Children on Nauru are being damaged while in our care.

Asylum seekers wait too long for their claims to be assessed are plainly not safe. The outsourcing of offshore detention of boatpeople to the governments of PNG and Nauru is a dismal failure of duty of care. Before there are more deaths (Reza Barati, Manus Is, Feb 2014), before the lives of more innocent people are irreversibly ruined, the Government and Opposition must act to stop this human tragedy.

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