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Rape has occurred, children have been sexually abused and drugs traded for sex in the Nauru detention centre financed by us, where innocent men, women and children are deprived of their freedom because they came by boat to seek protection from persecution and successive Australian Governments have lied to us about the legal right to cross any border in order to seek asylum.

Implementing all the 19 recommendations of the Moss Report, through the sovereign Government of Nauru paid to manage the Centre, sounds positive, but it is no substitute for the real solution needed: the end of unwarranted detention of “boatpeople” and their return to Australia. They need access to safe and adequate support services to redress the damage already done to them. With freedom and professional help, the children may grow up to realise their full potential. That would be a lasting tribute to human rights champion, Malcolm Fraser.

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