

Refugee Action Collective Qld

Media Alert

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REFUGEE ADVOCATES TO PROTEST OUTSIDE PETER DUTTON'S
STRATHPINE OFFICE

The Refugee Action Collective has called a protest outside of Peter Dutton's electoral office from 7am to 9am on Thursday 16th April, 199 Gympie Road, Strathpine.

"We are calling for the immediate closure of both the Nauru and Manus Island detention centres" said Mark Gillespie from the Refugee Action Collective.

"Everyday more information is coming out about what hellholes these offshore detention centres are. The Moss report found the allegations of sexual abuse on Nauru were credible and now former Save the Children staff are circulating an open letter accusing the government of knowing about these allegations for over 17 months and not acting" (see attachment).

"A UN report on torture has condemned Australia's detention regime and so did the Australian Human Rights Commission's 'The Forgotten Children' report".

"We've already seen asylum seeker Reza Berati murdered while in Australian care and the unnecessary death of Hamid Khazaei though systemic medical neglect. How many more lives will be destroyed before these hellholes are closed down. It's time for Peter Dutton to act."

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