

2017 04 26 Refugee Action Coalition Media Release
Protest: Lies, Dammed Lies and Peter Dutton
Release the CCTV Footage: Sack Dutton

The Refugee Action Coalition has called a "Sack Dutton" protest at the Sydney Immigration Offices, 22 Lee Street, Sydney; Thursday 27 April, 12.30pm.

Peter Dutton has smeared refugees on Manus Island by suggesting the Good Friday shootings was precipitated because refugees were leading a five year old local boy into the detention centre.

Astonishingly, Dutton has demanded an apology for from the ABC and Fairfax media for revealing that Dutton's information is false and has been repudiated by both the Manus police and Defence Force commanders on Manus Island.

"No doubt Dutton thinks the best defence is offence and this is Dutton as his most offensive," said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition, "Dutton is a master of the big lie. He has deliberately and consistently repeated his incorrect information despite not having a shred of evidence.

"In the process he has implied that refugees are child abusers and that violent attack on the detention centre was justified.

"Dutton could release the CCTV footage on the Good Friday events - but he won't because it would put the lie to his version of events. Turnbull should sack Dutton.

"That Dutton could so blatantly lie and think he can get away with it, says everything about how low the Turnbull government has sunk. Dutton has revealed his contempt for those in his care and he has revealed his contempt for the public at large.

"He has got to go," said Ian Rintoul, "and the asylum seekers and refugees he has so shamefully vilified and defamed must be brought to Australia."

An online petition, calling for Dutton to be sacked has been launched by the Refugee Action Coalition, Mums for Refugees, Grandmothers Against the Detention of Refugee Children and Teachers for Refugees.

<https://www.change.org/p/malcolm-turnbull-sack-peter-dutton-end-the-lies-about-refugees-release-the-manus-good-friday-cctv-footage>

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