

Subject: Boxing, horse racing and seeking asylum

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In the wake of the tragic death of a young boxer Braydon Smith, some want to ban boxing because it can be lethal; others want to box on (letters 19 March) but there is no media mention of the death of a young man who came when aged 25, full of hope for a life without persecution, and died four long years later having never been allowed to work in Australia.

Denying willing and often skilled workers the dignity and self esteem that comes from honest work is a sure recipe for depression and mental ill health. Australia sits on a time bomb of despair and hopelessness with more than 20 000 asylum seekers still waiting for the right to work as promised them before Christmas.

How cruel, how insane not to let a willing transient workforce chase after the existing job vacancies, wherever they are.

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