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Rally in Solidarity with Nauru – 200 Days of Protest

Refugee supporters will gather at Town Hall Square Sydney to mark the milestone of 200 days of protests on Nauru. (A protest is also being held today, Wednesday, at Brisbane Department of Immigration at 12pm, 299 Adelaide Street, Brisbane.)

Since 20 March, asylum seekers and refugees have held a daily protest against their incarceration on Nauru. After three years, some still have not had their refugee assessments. Those who have been found to be refugees, still have no certain future. Families remain separated. Many are left waiting for medical services that are not available in Nauru.

The detention corporations, Broadspectrum and Wilson's Security will finally quit Nauru in October 2017. Connect, the refugee service provider will quit the island in December, this year.

Momentum is building for the Australian government end offshore detention, quit Nauru and bring all the asylum seekers and refugees to Australia.

“It is time the Australian government stopped pretending there is the possibility of a third country resettlement for the people on Nauru. By establishing offshore detention on Manus and Nauru, the Australian government put itself at odds with the UNHCR and the international community,” said Ian Rintoul, spokesperson for the Refugee Action Coalition.

“There is simply no alternative except for the government to ‘Bring Them Here’.”

Solidarity Rally with Nauru: Wednesday, 5 October, 5.30-6.30pm Sydney Town Hall.

Speakers include:

- *Phone link from Nauru
- *Judith Reen (Ex-teacher from Nauru)
- *Wendy Bacon (Australian Women Supporting Women on Nauru)
- *Barri Phatarfod (Doctors for Refugees),
- *Danielle Andrews (Mums for Refugees)
- *MC: Refugee Action Coalition

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