

**Fwd: RE: Howard, Never Again**

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Your VIEW THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT THOSE WHO CANNOT PAY TO GET A BOAT , LIE TO DIAC FOR VISA ISSUE OR UTILISE FALSE PASSPORT Should have right too are bigots is extremely superficial .YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT THE NATIONAL SUPPORT FOR A HIGH INTAKE AND MULTICULTURALISM WAS AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL AFTER HOWARD.YOU MIGHT ALSO PONDER THE JUSTICE OF AN HISTORICAL 90% APPROVAL FOR BPOAT CLAIMANTS AND LESS THAN 5% AT REFUGEE CAMP LEVEL. Finally you might spare some sympathy for people like the 1000 Bhutanese Nepalis that we admitted after a 17 year refugee stint as opposed to Tamil boat claimants whose arrival is quote because...processing takes too long. The issue is 500 times more complex than you think .Laurie

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com]**Sent:** Thursday, 1 September 2011 9:05 PM**To:** Ferguson, Laurie (MP)**Subject:** Howard, Never Again

Hi Laurie,

Yesterday we received fantastic news, the Malaysia 'Solution' isn't going through. This, as I'm sure you already know, is potentially a huge win for human rights.

But of course there is the chance that Howard's horrendous policy of off shore processing at places like Nauru and Papua New Guinea are on the cards. This can't happen, not when the ALP still thinks (at the very least) that it is about social justice and equality for all. We can't throw people into cages and let them suffer on an island just off the coast, when it is so much easier, quicker and cheaper to process them right here in our country.

No one chooses to be born in the middle of cruel regimes, but we do have the choice to help change the lives of others, for the better.

If the ALP takes up Howard's refugee policy, I might just have to go and burn my party card, because the ALP just doesn't stand for what I believe in.

Laurie, I live in western Sydney, I've lived here all my life. I attended public schools, I attend a public university and I vote. Remember to tell the caucus room that not everyone in western Sydney is a bigot, the ALP needs to lead on principles, not racist populism.