



#BRINGTHEMHERE TO CANBERRA

A Compassionate Canberra

The Greens want to welcome those who seek our help.

Canberrans are compassionate, generous people who want to welcome those seeking help. That's why the ACT Greens are calling on the Federal Government to close the camps on Manus Island and Nauru.

Successive Liberal and Labor governments have locked up men, women and children seeking our help in cruel and inhumane detention centres. Last week, Immigration Minister Peter Dutton conceded that the detention centre on Manus Island must close.

The ACT Greens call on the Federal Government to close the camps. Canberrans are compassionate, generous people. The ACT Greens commit to:

» Welcoming 100 of the 800 people currently in detention on Manus Island to live here in Canberra.

» Working with Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services, the Red Cross, Multicultural Youth Services and other community and specialist services to ensure that these new arrivals are suitably accommodated here in Canberra with access to the services they need to start new lives and become valued members of our community.

» Continuing to call for all offshore detention centres to be closed - including the detention centre on Nauru.

The ACT was declared a 'refugee welcome zone' last year and committed to resettling people fleeing the devastating conflict in Syria. Sadly, many of those people are yet to be resettled in Canberra because of delays in processing.

The ACT Greens call on the Federal Government to end the prolonged suffering of all refugees in Australian detention centres and process them immediately.

Resettling 100 people seeking asylum will cost the ACT Government approximately \$2.5 million over four years – substantially less than the \$1 million per person the Federal Government spends to lock people up in conditions the United Nations has described as torture.