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Via email: [infoservice@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:infoservice@humanrights.gov.au)

Dear Professor Triggs,

I am writing to you in my capacity as a Member of Parliament for the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand and spokesperson for human rights.

Attached is a joint submission from the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Australian Greens on the treatment of New Zealanders being held in Australian immigration detention centres.

The submission respectfully asks you to initiate an inquiry into the treatment of New Zealand citizens who are detained in immigration detention centres, and to investigate whether the manner in which they are being treated is inconsistent with or contrary to Australia's human rights laws and obligations.

This is an issue of great public interest in New Zealand. Many of the detainees have family members in New Zealand who are deeply concerned about the physical and emotional welfare of their loved ones who are being held in Australian immigration detention centres.

We understand that many Australians are also deeply troubled over the way New Zealanders are being treated in immigration detention centres, and the support from our colleagues in the Australian Greens in making this submission is testament to this.

I would ask that you consider the submission fully and frankly, to determine whether New Zealand citizens' human rights are being breached in Australian immigration detention centres.

Yours sincerely,

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