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**PROFITING FROM REFUGEES PARKED ON NAURU/MANUS IS.**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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***Do not publish until 7am Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016.***

**Blockades of Wilson security car parks will be happening from 7am onwards in the CBD of Melbourne and Sydney.**

**Pro Refugee activists are currently blockading Wilson Security car parks in Melbourne and Sydney to mark 100 days of continued protest on Nauru. In Melbourne, refugee supporters have once again targeted the Head Quarters of Wilson Security by blockading the entire Melbourne Central car park complex, which is located beneath the head office of Wilson Security. In Sydney, refugee supporters have locked down the Wilson Security car park on Pitt St (close to Alfred st) in Circular Quay.**

**Spokesperson for Boycott Wilson Gaye Demanuele stated**

**“We are taking this targeted action today in solidarity with the refugees protesting on Nauru and Manus Is. Many of the people detained in these offshore camps have met the UN criteria as refugees and yet they remain imprisoned. Some have lost their lives, while others report that they have been raped, tortured, cable tied and beaten at the hands of Wilsons Security guards”.**

**Wilson Security are a major player in the detention centre industry that profits on the illegal imprisonment of asylum seekers, people who have committed no crimes. Wilson Security has secured Government contracts worth \$478 million (2013-2016) while also managing to evade paying tax in Australia, as revealed by the Panama Papers.**

**Wilson Security are responsible for the actions of their guards who are alleged to have committed grave sexual and human rights violations at the Australian government’s offshore detention camps. Wilson Security along with Broadspectrum is also responsible for facilitating the evacuation back to Australia of three Wilson Security guards facing allegations of rape on Manus Is.**

**Sam Castro, spokesperson for Whistleblowers, Activists and Citizens Alliance (WACA), stated**

**"Let’s not wait for another murder, rape or suicide under the watch of Wilson Security on Nauru or Manus Is. We are asking the people of Australia to join us to boycott Wilson Security car parks and**

**anywhere else their services are used. Boycott them and send a strong message to Wilson Security that it is time to withdraw from the detention centre industry. There is no business in abuse, profiteering off refugees is in fact morally bankrupt”**

**“The Australian Government must shut down the gulags on Manus Island and Nauru, cancel the current contracts with Wilson Security and bring the refugees, currently languishing in horrific conditions, safely to Australia” she added.**

**“We send our love and solidarity to those on Manus Is and Nauru. We hear you, we see you, we support you and we are standing with you. Do not give up because we won’t stop until they close the camps and bring you here”.**

**The Boycott Wilson campaign will continue to target Wilson Security until their detention industry business model is broken. Boycott Wilson calls on all levels of Government to end their contracts with Wilson Security and any other corporations profiteering off the misery of refugees. Boycott Wilson activists intend to build towards a mass protest at the up coming [Security Exhibition and Conference](#) being hosted by Wilson Security at the Melbourne Convention Centre on the 20-22 July 2016.**

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