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Dear

I am writing to alert you to the fact that approximately 120 children remain trapped on Nauru right now.

None of them are free to leave this tiny island the size of Melbourne Airport. Some 20 children are in fact behind bars.

Children in detention on Nauru have witnessed lip-stitching, self-harm and suicide attempts. They have been subjected to physical, emotional and in some instances sexual abuse.

They currently live in a totally inadequate situation. Hygiene is poor, conditions are cramped, the heat is unrelenting, and the facilities lacking. There is nowhere to play, there is no decent education or child care, and little hope so long as this unjust situation appears indefinite!

In at least three cases in the past seven months, Australian judges have ordered that young children be immediately brought to Australia for care. Three refugees on Nauru have died by suicide.

The Australian Government's decision to detain these children offshore indefinitely is completely unacceptable to our members. We would never allow this to happen to our children and as Australian citizens we are appalled the Australian Government is allowing it to happen to these children.

I ask that you address this situation before Universal Children's Day on 20 November 2018.

It shouldn't require a Federal Judge to force the Government to keep these children safe. We know that the US resettlement deal is not a solution for everyone, nor is it happening fast enough.

The Australian Parliament can bring every child and their family to Australia by Universal Children's Day on November 20. This is regardless of whether they are intended to be either resettled in Australia or in another suitable country that welcomes them.

Children should not be in detention. They must be given a fair chance for survival and development. All decisions taken about offshore, indefinite detention must first and foremost consider the best interest of the child.

I look forward to your reply explaining the actions you intend to take in rectifying this terrible situation.

Yours faithfully,