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Australian Human Rights Commission

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Re: the National Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention 2014:

Dear Sir / Madam,

As an Australian healthcare professional I am appalled that Australia currently holds 1,000 children in immigration detention facilities.

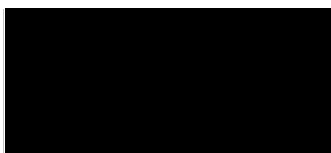
These children should not be living in sub-standard conditions nor experiencing such extended delays in the processing of their legal claims for asylum. The lack of adequate educational support and access to acceptable standards of healthcare – both mental health and physical health – are inexcusable.

There is ample evidence that the health and wellbeing of these children have been eroded as a result of the lack of humane care by the Australian Government.

I urge the Government to:

- Arrange appropriate health assessment and treatment
- Provide comprehensive education
- Expedite their claims

Sincerely,



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