



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY  
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Narelle Ryan  
By email narelleryan@bigpond.com

Dear Narelle

### **Women in Detention Centres**

Thank you for sending me a copy of *Protection denied, abuse condoned: women on Nauru at risk*.

I commend Wendy Bacon and her co-authors for documenting and raising awareness around this abuse. It is distressing to think that women and children who have already suffered extreme trauma and displacement should be subjected to further abuse and neglect.

I note your request to help to raise awareness of this report. I have asked City staff to forward the report to Asylum Seeker Interagency, Local Government Multicultural Workers' Network and Inner and Eastern Sydney Multicultural Interagency.

I strongly support an inclusive community, including humanitarian and compassionate treatment of refugees and asylum seekers. In October 2015, I wrote to the Prime Minister urging him to take a more compassionate approach to the world refugee crisis, to work towards a more humanitarian-based policy, and to significantly increase the number of overall refugees allowed to enter Australia. I enclose a copy of my letter.

The City of Sydney is a Refugee Welcome Zone and is an active participant in the Racism. It Stops with Me campaign. At its 14 December 2015 meeting, Council also resolved to support the No Business in Abuse campaign, which is working to end the practice of corporations profiting from abuses within the Australian immigration detention system. You can read more about this at [bit.ly/28UBPyj](http://bit.ly/28UBPyj).

The City provides refugees and asylum seekers with free and low cost access to a range of Council facilities and services including our swimming pools, community centres, libraries. We also provide funding and support for a range of different service providers and social enterprises which assist people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

I wish Australian Women in Support of Women on Nauru all the best in their efforts to raise awareness of this situation and to effect positive change for refugees and asylum seekers.

Yours sincerely

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