

Media Release

United Nations Association of Australia statement of support: Urgent Medical Treatment Bill and #KidsOffNauru

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- The United Nations has called for removal of all children in detention on Nauru and Manus Island; the preservation of family unity; and solutions which respect dignity, the right to a fair hearing and as appropriate, recognition of refugee status.
- The United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) fully supports the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in:
 - calling on Federal Parliamentarians to endorse the Urgent Medical Treatment Bill introduced by the Hon. Dr. Kerry Phelp MP; and
 - urging the Australian Government to respond urgently to the #KidsOffNauru campaign and remove all children from offshore processing centres on Nauru.
- In line with the [UNAA's Position Statement on Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#), the UNAA urges the Australian Government to commit to its international responsibility-sharing and abide by its legal and humanitarian obligations.
- The UNAA joins other Australian NGOs in calling on the Australian Government to end the medical crisis on Nauru caused by indefinite offshore detention policies, and to free those people detained on Nauru.

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