Many people throughout Australia are disturbed by the punitive and harsh policies and conditions to which people seeking asylum in Australia are being subjected. The recent incident on Manus Island and the death of one person and the injury of many highlights the lack of care and dignity in the policies of both the Government and the Opposition and the absence of awareness of your legal and moral responsibilities.

I am extremely disappointed and very concerned at the Government’s policies with regard to people seeking asylum in Australia.

I ask the Australian Government to urgently reassess its policy of mandatory offshore detention and to seek a more humane and sustainable long-term solution to the issues surrounding asylum seekers and refugees who arrive here by boat.

I ask you to make a humane response to these people, rather than treating them as a “problem” to be solved.

Yours sincerely