



11/1/2019

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister,


I am writing on behalf of my constituent s. 47F(1) who is concerned about the residency status of a Tamil family in the rural community of Biloela, Queensland.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are hardworking, productive members of their community and s. 47F(1) believes it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons:

- Regional communities like Biloela need people like s. 47F(1) to survive. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.
- s. 47F(1) integration into the Biloela community illustrates the benefits of a city to regional immigration and refugee program. If allowed to return to Biloela, their story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing them from Australia will send the opposite message.
- The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions.
- There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.

I would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Kind regards


Kevin Hogan MP
Federal Member for Page

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Wayne Swan MP MEMBER FOR LILLEY
11th January 2019

The Hon David Coleman MP
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Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of my constituent s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1) has written to me to express her concerns regarding the case of the family of Tamil asylum seekers from Biloela at risk of deportation.

s. 47F(1) argues that it would be in the national interest to allow the family to remain in Australia given their ongoing contributions to their local community.

Please find enclosed a copy of s. 47F(1) correspondence. I ask that you please respond directly to her with a copy of your response to my office.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Swan MP
Federal Member for Lilley

Received in Department

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2019 10:52 AM
To: Swan, Wayne (MP)
Subject: Another request from a constituent

Hello Mr Swan

I'm sorry to bother you again but I would like to request your intervention in the case of the Sri Lankan family from Biloela which is about to be deported.

The parents came here as refugees and have two little girls, born here in Australia. The family has become a valued part of the Biloela community and the community up there have been really active in trying to get the Minister for Immigration to exercise his discretion to let them stay.

I telephoned the office of Mr Coleman and had a pleasant conversation about the matter with the lady who answered the phone but, to date, requests to the Minister seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

Could you please do what you can to persuade him to exercise his discretion.

Thank you.

s. 47F(1)

Michael McCormack MP

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Federal Member for Riverina
Deputy Prime Minister of Australia
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Leader of the Nationals

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I am writing to you on behalf of S. 47F(1) in Temora in my electorate, who has written to me about the Tamil family.

S. 47F(1) has concerns for the safety of the Tamil family and has requested I bring her thoughts to your attention. I have enclosed a copy of S. 47F(1) correspondence for your information.

I look forward to a response.

Yours sincerely



Michael McCormack MP
Federal Member for Riverina

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From: s. 47E(d)
To: [McCormack, Michael \(MP\)](#)
Subject: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Michael.McCormack.MP@aph.gov.au
Date: Friday, 11 January 2019 1:57:35 PM

Parliamentarian Hon Michael McCormack MP
 Name s. 47F(1)
 Telephone (home)
 Telephone (mobile)
 Email
 Address

Question Dear Mr McCormack

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1), are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of their community and I believe it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons:

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There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow S. 47F(1) [REDACTED] to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
S. 47F(1) [REDACTED]



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22 JAN 2019

8 January 2019

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, and Multicultural Affairs
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

I enclose an e-mail message of 8 January, 2019 from S. 47F(1) regarding a Tamil family who were residing in the rural town of Biloela, QLD, until early 2018, and now face deportation.

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the concerns and points raised by S. 47F(1) in relation to this matter and for your advice in due course.

Any assistance you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Federal Member for New England

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From: s. 47E(d) u
To: Joyce, Barnaby (MP)
Subject: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Barnaby.Joyce.MP@aph.gov.au
Date: Tuesday, 8 January 2019 11:13:33 AM

Parliamentarian Hon Barnaby Joyce MP
Name s. 47F(1)
Telephone (home)
Telephone (mobile)
Email
Address

Question 08/01/2019

Dear Mr Joyce,

I am a constituent of your electorate of New England. I am writing in support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

I have copied the generic letter to email you but would like to add my support of this Tamil family. It seems for this family that they have a community who support them totally and have contributed and become part of this small town. There is an extended "family" who support and love them dearly. This dear family is not struggling alone to become part of our Australia.. Surely we want to encourage people to settle in our small rural towns.

As a government who has such a negative image on refugees could make this family a positive scenario for Australians to witness.

Mr Joyce please speak to Mr Coleman and ask him to reconsider the status of s. 47F(1) and allow them to stay permanently in Australia.

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Mr Joyce, will you please ask Mr Coleman to use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response..

s. 47F(1)

**SUSAN TEMPLEMAN MP**

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE

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Dear Minister Coleman,

I am writing to you at the request of a number of my constituents, who have expressed their concern about the plight of Tamil asylum seeker family **S. 47F(1)**, and their two daughters.

I understand that Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton, has publicly stated that the family's case has been assessed and they have been found to not be refugees.

My constituents have pointed out the contribution and connections this family has made while living in Biloela, Queensland. The family has integrated into the community and is an example of the role migrants can play in our regions. I am including the emails from my constituents on this matter.

Given the factors they outline, my constituents would like to understand the reasoning behind the Government's unwillingness to make a determination in favour of allowing a hard-working family to remain in Australia.

I would appreciate a response from your office that I can provide to my constituents.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Templeman MP
 Federal Member for Macquarie
 16 January 2019

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Wednesday, 2 January 2019 6:24 PM
To: s. 47E(d)
Cc: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: Biloela Asylum Seeking Family Currently in Immigration Detention

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Minister for Immigration, Citizenship
and Multicultural Affairs
1 Parliament Drive,
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2601
Email: s. 47E(d)

[Insert Date]

Dear Minister Coleman,

Re: Biloela Asylum Seeking Family Currently in Immigration Detention

I am a voter in the electorate of Macquarie. I am writing because I am concerned about Australia's treatment of a Tamil asylum seeker family that has been detained for ten months and are facing deportation on 1st February 2019. s. 47F(1) and their two daughters are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela in central QLD for four years. They are hard working, productive members of their community and they should be given permanent safety in Australia.

This family should be granted permanent visas for the following reasons:

- This family illustrates the success of a city to regional immigration and refugee program and should be held as an example to encourage other migrant and refugee families to transition to regional areas.
- Regional communities like Biloela require people like s. 47F(1) who are already within Australia, integrated into a community and employed and skilled in regional and rural industries like abattoirs that are suffering labour shortages.
- Having integrated into the community and abided by Australian values and laws this family have become part of the Biloela community. As a result, public interest and support has been significant for this family, with over 153,500 people having signed a change.org petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.
- It is not safe for this family to be returned to Sri Lanka as they are Tamils. In 2017 the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights noted that a 'culture of torture' exists in Sri Lanka towards Tamils[1].
- Both children were born in Australia yet are currently stateless. Australia does not recognise them as being Australian, which is in conflict with the *Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)*[2]. Nor are they recognised by Sri Lanka - the country from which their parents fled persecution and were given asylum by Australia in 2012-2013.

Minister, I would like you to use your ministerial powers to intervene in this family's case and provide permanent protection for all members of the family. Please let this family return to their home in Biloela, where they are strongly supported by local residents and have already contributed enormously to the local community and workplace.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 4 January 2019 3:58 PM
To: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: Tamil family to be deported

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Categories: s. 22(1)(a) IN CC

The Hon. Susan Templeman
Member for Macquarie.

Dear Susan,

I write concerning the Tamil asylum seeker family who had made their home in the small Queensland town of Biloela, Qld.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters made an eleventh-hour appeal to the Federal Court in August 2018 after they were taken into detention in March of last year but their appeal has now been rejected and they are due to be deported back to Sri Lanka some time after February 1 this year.

This family has received massive and ongoing support, not just in their own community but Australia wide. As Tamils, there is a high chance they would be persecuted in their homeland of Sri Lanka. Mr. Dutton does have the power to intervene for this family and allow them to stay in Australia. They have done no wrong and I would ask that you and the ALP do all you can to intervene in this case so that they may remain in Australia and return to the Town of Biloela where they are greatly loved.

Before Christmas I phoned through my concerns to the offices of Mr. Peter Dutton and Mr. David Coleman.

Yours Sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2019 12:39 PM
To: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: s. 47F(1) - please help

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
Dear Susan

Please do all in your power to reverse the deportation order for s. 47F(1) from Biloela. Please speak with the Minister for Immigration, David Coleman.

I truly appreciate your efforts and believe that polite requests for compassion are what it might take for humanity and kindness to win the day.

s. 47F(1)

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From: Susan.Templeman.MP@aph.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 11 January 2019 10:46 AM
To: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: Website - <https://www.susantempleman.com.au/> - Contact - Submission
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Message	<p>Dear Susan I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019. s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of their community and I believe it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons: Regional communities like Biloela need people like s. 47F(1) to survive. s. 47F(1); was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages. s. 47F(1) integration into the Biloela community illustrates the benefits of a city to regional immigration and refugee program. If allowed to return to Biloela, their story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing them from Australia will send the opposite message. The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions. There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela. Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) remain permanently in Australia? I look forward to your response.</p>					
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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 11 January 2019 1:36 PM
To: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: The Biloela family.

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Please Susan As my member of parliament would you please use your influence to save that lovely family from Biloela from being deported. I am s. 47F(1) and have never approached any parliamentarians for help, but this case has touched my heart. As well as many many other people I urge you to do what you can to reverse this heartless decision.

Regards s. 47F(1)

Sent from my iPad

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 4:10 PM
To: Coleman, David (MP)
Cc: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: s. 47F(1)

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Dear Mr Coleman,
To begin, I never write to politicians so this is a one off.

However, having followed the plight of these innocent people, I need to add my voice to the request that they be granted residency.

They are obviously good people, they have two daughters born in Australia, they have a whole township behind them. They came to Australia as desperate people. You don't flee your homeland because you feel safe and secure. I am sure, you and I would do the same in similar circumstances.

What is the issue in letting them stay?? I know that the courts have made rulings against them but the court can only operate on the letter of the law. Where is compassion, humanity, kindness?? Where is acting as a representative of the electorate? The people of Biloela have tirelessly exhausted their options.

The power is in your hands. I urge you to step up and do what is right. Let this family go home to Biloela and continue to contribute to their community.

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1)

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From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 7 January 2019 10:46 PM
To: Templeman, Susan (MP)
Subject: Please help s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) stay in Australia
Categories: s. 47F(1) IN CC

7/1/2019

Dear Ms Templeton,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.


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Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
s. 47F(1)



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Sharon Bird MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CUNNINGHAM

Received in Department

22 JAN 2019

The Hon David Coleman
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship
& Multicultural Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

17 January 2019

Dear Minister

Please find enclosed correspondence from my constituent, s. 47F(1) regarding an immigration matter involving a Tamil family from Biloela in Queensland.

s. 47F(1) has specifically requested that I raise his concerns with you. His letter is self-explanatory and I would welcome receiving your earliest advice in relation to the issues raised therein.

Yours sincerely

SHARON BIRD MP

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From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Monday, 7 January 2019 4:04 PM

To: Bird, Sharon (MP)

Subject: Support for Tamil family to return to Biloela QLD and remain in Australia

Dear Sharon,

As a constituent in your electorate, I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

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- 3. The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions.
- 4. As you may well be aware there is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have already signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

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From: s. 47E(d)
 To: Joyce, Barnaby (MP)
 Subject: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Barnaby.Joyce.MP@aph.gov.au
 Date: Monday, 14 January 2019 11:08:17 AM

Parliamentarian Hon Barnaby Joyce MP

Name s. 47F(1)

Telephone (work)

Telephone (mobile)

Email

Address

Question Barnaby Joyce
 Member for New England

Sir,

I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

I am a voter registered in the electorate of NEW ENGLAND.

I am a caucasian male with absolutely no ties to any ethnic group or community other than Christianity & Australia.

You are no doubt aware of the precarious nature of existence for Tamils in modern day Sri Lanka. You are also no doubt aware of the enmity held by the current governors of that island against Tamils whom they regularly persecute & conveniently label, at best, as terrorist sympathisers.

So I wish to draw your attention to the plight of a Tamil family that was removed from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 to a Victorian detention centre where they have been detained for 10 months & are in imminent threat of deportation back to into the persecution of the Sri Lankan state.

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 are a young family who were valued

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members of the regional town of Biloela for four years.

By all accounts they have assimilated well & contributed to the local economy.

Most importantly Biloelans WANT THEM BACK !

You, as a rural rep in parliament, understand that we in regional communities need people like s. 47F(1) to help us prosper, survive the drought & maintain our threatened inland economy.

Isn't their successful integration into a rural community exactly what Australia is looking for regarding immigrants & refugees ?

Looking forward to prompt sensible action here,

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

Federal Member for Boothby

Received in Department
29 JAN 2019

Ref: 7028UH

I write to you on behalf of a number of constituents, who are requesting Ministerial intervention for an asylum seeker family.

The family [REDACTED] face deportation on 1 February 2019. These constituents are concerned that the family will be persecuted upon return to their home country of Sri Lanka, as they are Tamil. I have enclosed for your consideration, a copy of the correspondence that I have received, which provides more details on the matter.

Could you please consider the request for Ministerial intervention in this case?

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Nicolle Flint MP
Federal Member for Boothby

4/1/2019

Encl. Copy of the emails received requesting Ministerial intervention

☐ Priority A - 7 days (or less)
☒ Priority B - 14 days
☐ Priority C - 28 days
☐ Priority D - Intervention
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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

(N. Flint, MP)

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 4 January 2019 11:17 AM
To: Flint, Nicole (MP)
Subject: Biloela Asylum Seeker Family Currently in Immigration Detention
Categories: Red Category

Dear Nicole,

I recently met with you in relation to action in response to climate change and appreciated your willingness to listen to our concerns. Today, I am writing to plea for a different cause.

s. 47F(1), and their two young daughters, are a young Tamil family currently in immigration detention and facing deportation on 1st February, 2019.

As a young couple s. 47F(1) fled from persecution in Sri Lanka and were granted asylum in Australia in 2012-13. Over a period of four years they have integrated into the regional community of Biloela in central Queensland where s. 47F(1) gave birth to their two daughters. These children are currently stateless, as Australia does not recognise them (in conflict with the Convention on the Rights of the Child) and they are not recognised in Sri Lanka.

It seems it is still not safe for this family to return to Sri Lanka. The UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights noted only last year that 'a culture of torture' exists in Sri Lanka towards Tamils.

Furthermore the family have integrated well into the regional community they adopted as their new home. They have abided by Australian values and laws and have contributed much needed skills. Since they were placed in detention ten months ago over 153,000 people have signed a petition to have them returned to Biloela.

I would like you to raise this matter with David Coleman, the Minister for Immigration, and request that he use his ministerial powers to intervene for the protection of this family.

I would greatly appreciate if you would let me know what action you will take, before the 1st February, to encourage Minister Coleman to intervene.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(N. Flint, MP)

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Monday, 7 January 2019 3:42 PM
To: Flint, Nicole (MP)
Subject: Assist s. 47F(1) and her beautiful family to go back home to Biloela, Queensland

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of their community and I believe it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons:

- Regional communities like Biloela need people like s. 47F(1) to survive. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.
- s. 47F(1) integration into the Biloela community illustrates the benefits of a city to regional immigration and refugee program. If allowed to return to Biloela, their story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing them from Australia will send the opposite message.
- The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions.
- There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Regards

s. 47F(1)

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Our Ref: MI19/01.36

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Room M1.51
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Email: s. 47E(d)

Dear Minister

Please find **enclosed** a copy of correspondence received from a constituent of mine, s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) regarding Sri Lankan Tamils, s. 47F(1) and their two children.

The people in question are obviously not constituents of Calare and I am not across the details of their case, however, I would be grateful if you could address and respond to s. 47F(1) s. 47F(1) correspondence.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could address s. 47F(1) correspondence.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Gee MP
Federal Member for Calare

20 January 2019

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

A. Gee, MP

19/01-36

From: s. 47E(d)
Sent: Monday, 7 January 2019 12:58 PM
To: Gee, Andrew (MP)
Subject: APH Website contact form - new enquiry Andrew.Gee.MP@aph.gov.au

Parliamentarian Mr Andrew Gee MP

Name

s. 47F(1)

Telephone (home)

Telephone (mobile)

Email

Address

Question

Dear Andrew

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The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions.

There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) [REDACTED] s. 47F(1) [REDACTED] to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1) [REDACTED]



THE HON TONY ABBOTT MP
Member for Warringah

Received in Department

01 FEB 2019

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Minister *David*

I am writing on behalf of my constituents, *s. 47F(1)*, who is concerned about the visa status of the Tamil family of *s. 47F(1)* and their two daughters.

I have attached correspondence from *s. 47F(1)* further detailing his concerns.

Are you able to review *s. 47F(1)* concerns and provide further information?

Yours sincerely

TONY ABBOTT
TONY ABBOTT

*I have received a number
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don't accept that Tamils are
automatically refugees - but if they
have or recently lived in a
zone, there is a possibility of
being the PR.*

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The Hon Tony Abbott MP
PO Box 450
Manly
NSW 2095

by email to: tony.abbott.mp@aph.gov.au and fax to +61 2 9977 8715

Dear Tony Abbott,

Re: Biloela asylum-seeking family - currently in immigration detention

I am a voter in the electorate of Warringah, and a relatively recent immigrant to and citizen of Australia.

I am writing because I am concerned about Australia's treatment of a Tamil asylum seeker family that has been detained for ten months and are facing deportation on 1st February 2019.

I wrote to you briefly on this matter recently in reply to your Christmas email, but am concerned you may not have received the email. Given the recent Federal Court decision and the tight timescale to 1 February, I wanted to be sure you had received my concerns. I am working overseas at the moment and have sent you this by email and fax.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela in central Queensland for four years. They are hard working, productive members of their community and they should be given permanent safety in Australia.

This family should be granted permanent visas for the following reasons:

- This family illustrates the success of a city to regional immigration and refugee program and should be held as an example to encourage other migrant and refugee families to transition to regional areas.
- Regional communities like Biloela require people like s. 47F(1) who are already within Australia, integrated into a community and employed and skilled in regional and rural industries like abattoirs that are suffering labour shortages.
- Having integrated into the community and abided by Australian values and laws this family have become part of the Biloela community. As a result, public interest and support has been significant for this family, with over 153,500 people having signed a change.org petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.
- It is not safe for this family to be returned to Sri Lanka as they are Tamils. In 2017 the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights noted that a 'culture of torture' exists in Sri Lanka towards Tamils[1].
- Both children were born in Australia yet are currently stateless. Australia does not recognise them as being Australian, which is in conflict with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)[2]. Nor are they recognised by Sri Lanka - the country from which their parents fled persecution and were given asylum by Australia in 2012-2013.

I feel that the treatment of this family contrasts with the treatment I received, as an immigrant from Britain coming to Australia on a Distinguished Talent Visa. I believe in the values commonly held up to be Australian values (and British values, as you will appreciate from your time at our shared alma mater, Oxford), such as fair treatment from the state, and equality before the law. Asylum seekers deserve to be fairly treated and their claims should be given fair consideration. Families should not be split up as part of

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an immigration process, and children should not be rendered stateless. There needs to be some control of the number of immigrants coming to any country, but Australia has the resources to take a reasonable proportion of asylum seekers and refugees from persecution, and a responsibility to the world community to take its fair share.

Moreover, managed immigration is good for the economy: Australia needs a reasonable level of immigration in order to grow and prosper. Many immigrants, such as myself, will aim to live in a capital city, and there are undoubtedly pressures on capital city infrastructure due to rising populations, but a young hard-working family such as this is exactly what regional economies need. I believe that this family, with Australian-born children, which has integrated into the Biloela community, is deserving of being accorded a permanent home in Australia.

I would ask you to raise this matter with David Coleman, the Minister for Immigration, before 1 February, and request that he uses his ministerial powers to intervene in this family's case and provide permanent protection for all members of the family.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

Footnotes

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(T. Abbott, MP)

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 3 January 2019 4:02 AM
To: Abbott, Tony (MP)
Subject: Biloela asylum-seeking family - currently in immigration detention

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
 PO Box 450
 Manly
 NSW 2095

By email to: tony.abbott.mp@aph.gov.au and fax

Dear Tony Abbott,

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- It is not safe for this family to be returned to Sri Lanka as they are Tamils. In 2017 the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights noted that a 'culture of torture' exists in Sri Lanka towards Tamils[1].
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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(T. Abbott, MP)

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 8 January 2019 9:08 AM
To: Warringah Electorate (T. Abbott, MP)
Subject: PLEASE Bring s. 47F(1) and Girls Home to Biloela

Dear Mr. Abbott. I have written to David Coleman requesting him to step in and review the case of s. 47F(1) and their Australian born daughters who I am sure you have heard about. What I wrote is:

"Dear Mr Coleman,

I am a constituent in the electorate of Warringah. I am writing in support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

It simply amazes me that you are not listening to the community of Biloela. These much loved people who have had the full support of the Biloela community and have had two daughters, s. 47F(1) born in this "wonderful" country are inconceivably being denied residency in Australia. They are not on any welfare unlike many of the "accepted" migrants who have been allowed to call Australia home. To be honest, what more evidence do you need to allow this wonderful family to call Australia home!!!

I simply ask, as a s. 47F year old Australian born in a country town in Queensland s. 47F(1) now living in Sydney, please show some empathy and accept their application to stay in this country. Over 154,000 people have signed the online petition, surely this in itself is evidence that people do care and support this family.

Mr Coleman, will you please use your public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

I ask that you have words with Mr. Coleman with the view of convincing him that this case needs special attention. Surely if the community are behind this family, we as Australians should also be supporting them. It would be very much appreciated if you could do everything in your power, and I know that you do have great influence, to help this family who have gone through hell over the past year or so.

I would deeply be in your debt if you could "pull this one off".

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(T. Abbott, MP)

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Saturday, 12 January 2019 8:57 AM
To: Abbott, Tony (MP)
Subject: RE: Merry Christmas!

Dear Mr Abbott

We are constituents in your electorate and are writing to request that you contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express support for the members of a family who were taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1), are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are known to be hard-working, productive members of their community and we believe it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons:

- Regional communities like Biloela need people like s. 47F(1) to survive. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.
- s. 47F(1) integration into the Biloela community illustrates the benefits of a city to regional immigration and refugee program. If allowed to return to Biloela, their story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing them from Australia will send the opposite message.
- The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions.
- There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. More than 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.
- As a man of faith please consider the teaching of the Bible, which states in Jeremiah 22:3 and elsewhere: "This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow."

As a matter of urgency please raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,
 s. 47F(1)

From: Tony and Margie Abbott <tony.abbott.mp@aph.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 24 December 2018 7:21 PM
To: s. 47F(1)
Subject: Merry Christmas!

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Our Ref: PE19/01.109

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Room M1.51
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Email: S. 47E(d)

Dear Minister

Tamil Family in Bioela

Please find **enclosed** a copy of correspondence from S. 47F(1) regarding a Tamil family who were living in the country town Bioela in Queensland.

I would be grateful if you could address the concerns of S. 47F(1)

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Gee MP

Federal Member for Calare

29 January 2019

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Mr Andrew GEE MP
Electorate of Calare
Suite 1/179A Anson Street
Orange NSW 2800

s. 47F(1)

Dear Mr Gee

As a constituent in your electorate I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and is now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

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As the Member for a country electorate I'm sure you can identify with the problems the community of Biloela and these new residents face and the strong support being shared by them.

In your speech to parliament in 2016 you said

"There is also something I know to be true about country politics: country people want and expect their representatives to stand up and fight for them. They do not mind if you do not always carry the day or if you get knocked down trying, but they expect you to fight the fight, to stand up and fight for them. And country Australia certainly needs its champions."

Many complaints are made via the media and public debate about migrants and refugees being a drain on our social services etc. and here we have a family that is contributing to the local community and indeed is well accepted by many people. Many people have expressed the idea that migrants should be encouraged to move away from the large coastal cities where infrastructure is undergoing over-crowding stress and jobs are hard to get; here we have a family that has done just that.

Sending them "back to where they came from" will surely place them at serious risk of harm and we have the opportunity to benefit from their place in our society by offering them safety and security, with little cost to us.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1)

c.c. The Hon David Coleman MP

Andrew Gee MP

Mr Paul Toole MP
State Member for Bathurst
s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

BATHURST NSW 2795

7th January 2019

Dear Mr Toole

As a constituent in your electorate I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and is now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

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I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1)

c.c. The Hon David Coleman MP

Andrew Gee MP

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Australian Greens
Senator for Queensland

The Honourable David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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29 January 2019

To Minister Coleman,

I write to you with a most sincere request to exercise your powers for four of my Queensland constituents, a young Tamil family who have been residing in Biloela for the last four years: s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1), to apply again for protection under S48B.

The contributions this family has made to their community and the subsequent community support they have received, plus the interest this case has raised among the broader Queensland community, clearly meet the legislative requirement that exercising your power under S48B must be in the public interest.

s. 47F(1) are hardworking, productive members of their community. Their integration is illustrative of the benefits of a rural and regional city embracing a migrant and refugee program and, to this end, I appeal to your most recent announcement to facilitate this very program.

If allowed to return to their home in Biloela their story can be used as encouragement for migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural and regional living. I fear that removing them from Australia is likely to send the opposite message. At a community level, s. 47F(1) is a skilled and valued member of the local meatworks, an industry suffering serious skills shortages.

The community of Biloela has consistently appealed for this family to be returned, with friends and neighbours organising numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils. They have also made an 18,000km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them during the determination period on multiple occasions.

I firmly believe that it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia. At this current time, more than 167,000 people have signed an online petition requesting for this family to be returned to Biloela.

I am appealing for you to please consider exercising your powers to allow for this family to stay in the community they have worked and contributed to for years and where they call Biloela home.

Yours Sincerely,

Larissa Waters

Larissa Waters
Australian Greens Senator for Queensland



Sharon Claydon MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEWCASTLE

18 January 2019

The Hon. David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Received in Department
05 MAR 2019

Dear Minister

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from my constituents
s. 47F(1)

These constituents raise concerns regarding the immigration matter of the Tamil family from Biloela.

I ask that you consider the concerns raised by my constituents and provide me with a copy of your response.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Claydon MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Email: sharon.claydon.mp@aph.gov.au **Facebook:** SharonClaydonforNewcastle **Twitter:** @SharonClaydon
Web: www.sharonclaydon.com

Dear Sharon,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of their community and I believe it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons:

- Regional communities like Biloela need people like s. 47F(1) to survive. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.
- s. 47F(1)' integration into the Biloela community illustrates the benefits of a city to regional immigration and refugee program. If allowed to return to Biloela, their story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing them from Australia will send the opposite message.
- The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their desire for this family to be returned to their community. Friends and neighbours have organised numerous, well-attended public meetings and vigils and made the 1,800km journey to Melbourne to visit and support them on multiple occasions.
- There is considerable national, public interest and support for this family to be allowed to remain in Australia. Over 154,000 people have signed an online petition requesting this family be returned to Biloela.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

s. 47F(1)

To Immigration Minister David Coleman

Re: Minister Coleman - please rule in favour of s. 47F(1) & their two small daughters

I am writing to you to support the very many submissions and petitions for you to rule in favour of the above family.

My understanding is that they have been model citizens, and that they are much loved and wanted in their small country community.

It would seem to be in Australia's best interests for you to rule in their favour.

Please let me know what you decide, by responding to this email.

Bye for now.

Cheers from Newcastle

s. 47F(1)



From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Friday, 11 January 2019 10:46 AM
To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)
Subject: s. 47F(1)

Dear Sharon

I am a constituent in your electorate. I have written to you a couple of times in relation to Australia's current immigration policies (primarily around the status of refugees on Nauru and Manus) and I have appreciated your responses.

Today I am writing to ask if you will contact the Minister for Immigration, Mr David Coleman, to express your support for a Tamil family that was taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018 and are now at risk of removal from Australia at any time from 1st February, 2019.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived and contributed to the regional town of Biloela for four years. s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of their community and I believe it is in the public interest for this family to be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia, for the following reasons:

- Regional communities like Biloela need people like s. 47F(1) to survive. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages. I grew up in small town Queensland so I personally understand the importance of good staff.
- s. 47F(1) integration into the Biloela community illustrates the benefits of a city to regional immigration and refugee program. If allowed to return to Biloela, their story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing them from Australia will send the opposite message.
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Will you please urgently raise this matter with Mr Coleman and ask that he use his public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) remain permanently in Australia?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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TERRI BUTLER MP

SHADOW MINISTER FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
SHADOW MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION AND
FUTURE OF WORK
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GRIFFITH

Received in Department
14 MAR 2019

Our ref: MC:349266G/190306

6 March 2019

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
PO BOX 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

By email: **s. 47E(d)**

Dear Minister

Re: Biloela Tamil Family

I write on behalf of a number of constituents who have contacted me to ask me to express support for a Tamil family who had been living in Biloela but are now facing removal from Australia.

I know that you are very much aware of the case, and I expect that, as always, you will respond that you are unable to discuss the details of individual cases without the authority and consent of those concerned.

Similarly, I do not have first-hand knowledge of the matter, and nor do I know the members of the family personally. Accordingly, I cannot vouch for them.

I can, though, encourage you to take a compassionate, generous approach to resettlement matters, and I can also request that you take into account the views of the local community at Biloela, as well as the views of other Australians.

Thank you for considering this letter. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me, or, in my absence, **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)** of my office on 07 3899 4031 or at **s. 22(1)(a)(ii)**

Yours faithfully,

Terri Butler

Terri Butler MP
Federal Member for Griffith

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Sharon Claydon MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEWCASTLE

7 March 2019

Senator the Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Received in Department

18 MAR 2019

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Dear Minister *Linda*

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from a number of my constituents who raise concerns regarding the immigration matter of a Tamil family from Biloela.

My constituents have requested that I forward their concerns to you.

I ask that you consider the concerns raised by my constituents and provide me with a copy of your response.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Claydon

Sharon Claydon MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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*For response to
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Reynolds*

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1), are a young family who have lived in and contributed to the town of Biloela for four years.

s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of the Biloela community. s. 47F(1) was known for bringing her home-made curries to the doctors at Biloela Hospital, where s. 47F(1) were born. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.

This much-loved family has now endured one year of needless detention. s. 47F(1) are showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their determination to bring s. 47F(1) and the girls home to Biloela. Over 180,000 Australians have signed an online petition in support of this goal.

If allowed to return, s. 47F(1) story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing this family from Australia will send the opposite message.

I believe it is a matter of urgent public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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This much-loved family has now endured one year of needless detention. Three year old s. 47F(1) and 18 month old s. 47F(1) are showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

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I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

From: s. 47F(1)
 Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2019 9:29 AM
 To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)
 Subject: Bring this family home to Biloela

Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

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Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

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I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

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I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(S. Claydon, MP)

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2019 11:04 AM
To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)
Subject: Australia is home to Biloela family

Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

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This much-loved family has now endured one year of needless detention. s. 47F(1) are showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their determination to bring s. 47F(1) and the girls home to Biloela. Over 180,000 Australians have signed an online petition in support of this goal.

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I believe it is a matter of urgent public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

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Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

This email was sent by s. 47F(1), a website that allows people to contact you regarding issues they consider important. In accordance with web protocol FC 3834 we have set the FROM field of this email to our generic no-reply address at s. 47F(1), however s. 47F(1) provided an email address s. 47F(1) which we included in the REPLY-TO field.

Please reply to s. 47F(1)

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Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

This is inhumane. They are not a threat, just people bettering their lives and kids. A right every human should have no matter where born.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)



Sharon Claydon MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR NEWCASTLE

13 March 2019

Senator the Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY

- ☐ Reply by Minister within one/two weeks
☐ Reply by Adviser CoS

Date Received **20 MAR 2019**

- ☐ No further action
☐ Information only
☐ Referral to *Min Coleman*

Comments

Dear Minister

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Yours sincerely

Sharon Claydon

Sharon Claydon MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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22 MAR 2019

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(S. Claydon, MP)

Subject:

FW: Bring this family home to Biloela

-----Original Message-----

From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 7 March 2019 9:00 PM

To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)

Subject: Bring this family home to Biloela

Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

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If allowed to return, s. 47F(1) story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing this family from Australia will send the opposite message.

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Ms Sharon Claydon, MP

Dear Sharon,

You may remember that I mentioned the case of this Queensland family to you last year.

I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) (who were both born in Australia), are a young family who have lived in and contributed to the town of Biloela for four years.

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s. 47F(1) were assessed under the Government's dubious 'fast track' assessment and found to not be refugees. However, anyone familiar with the current situation in Sri Lanka knows that the Tamil community are subject to ongoing harassment, persecution, arrest, imprisonment, 'disappearance' and murder, and that s. 47F(1) should have been recognised as refugees.

I believe it is a matter of urgent public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

Yours sincerely

s. 47F(1)

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Background

s. 47F(1) and daughters s. 47F(1)

s. 47F(1) both Tamils, fled the war in Sri Lanka and came to Australia by boat seeking asylum, separately in 2012 and 2013.

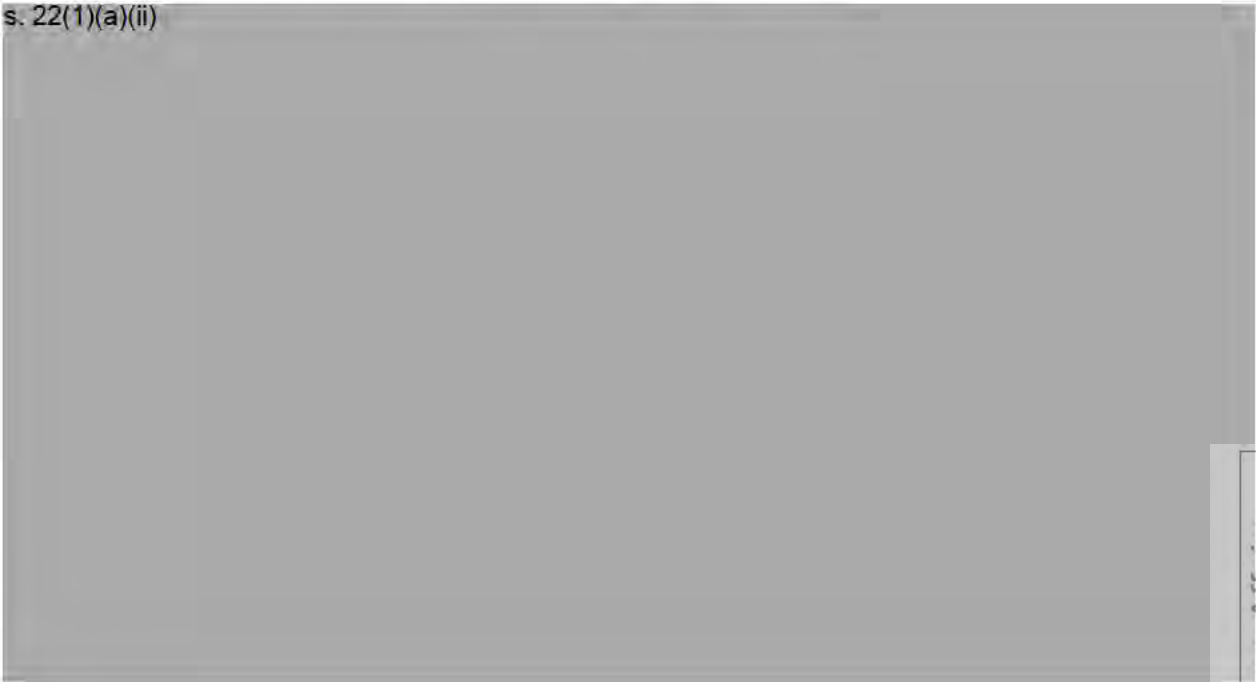
They met in Australia, married, settled in Biloela Qld (west of Gladstone) and have since had two children.

Arrested during the night one day after s. 47F(1) temporary visa expired (she had been told it would be renewed), given only 10min to pack belongings, and flown 1800km to Broadmeadows Detention Centre in Melbourne in Mar 2018

Have been held in detention ever since.

Children's mental health has been deteriorating while in detention.

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)



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s. 22(1)(a)(ii) (S. Claydon, MP)

Subject: FW: Bring this family home to Biloela

-----Original Message-----

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Saturday, 9 March 2019 5:17 PM
To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)
Subject: Bring this family home to Biloela

Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived in and contributed to the town of Biloela for four years.

s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of the Biloela community. s. 47F(1) was known for bringing her home-made curries to the doctors at Biloela Hospital, where s. 47F(1) were born. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.

This much-loved family has now endured one year of needless detention. s. 47F(1) are showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their determination to bring s. 47F(1) and the girls home to Biloela. Over 180,000 Australians have signed an online petition in support of this goal.

If allowed to return, s. 47F(1) story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing this family from Australia will send the opposite message.

I believe it is a matter of urgent public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,
s. 47F(1)

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s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

(S. Claydon, MP)**Subject:**

FW: Bring this family home to Biloela

-----Original Message-----

From: s. 47F(1)

Sent: Thursday, 7 March 2019 3:04 PM

To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)

Subject: Bring this family home to Biloela

Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived in and contributed to the town of Biloela for four years.

s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of the Biloela community. s. 47F(1) was known for bringing her home-made curries to the doctors at Biloela Hospital, where s. 47F(1) were born. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.

This much-loved family has now endured one year of needless detention. Three year old s. 47F(1) and 18 month old s. 47F(1) are showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their determination to bring s. 47F(1) and the girls home to Biloela. Over 180,000 Australians have signed an online petition in support of this goal.

If allowed to return, s. 47F(1) story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing this family from Australia will send the opposite message.

I believe it is a matter of urgent public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

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s. 22(1)
(a)(ii) (S. Claydon, MP)

Subject: FW: Bring this family home to Biloela

-----Original Message-----

From: s. 47F(1)
Sent: Thursday, 7 March 2019 12:38 PM
To: Claydon, Sharon (MP)
Subject: Bring this family home to Biloela

Dear Sharon Claydon MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1) are a young family who have lived in and contributed to the town of Biloela for four years.

s. 47F(1) are hard working, productive members of the Biloela community. s. 47F(1) was known for bringing her home-made curries to the doctors at Biloela Hospital, where s. 47F(1) were born. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages.

This much-loved family has now endured one year of needless detention. s. 47F(1) are showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their determination to bring s. 47F(1) and the girls home to Biloela. Over 180,000 Australians have signed an online petition in support of this goal.

If allowed to return, s. 47F(1) story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing this family from Australia will send the opposite message.

I believe it is a matter of urgent public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,
s. 47F(1)

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22 MAR 2019

Julie Bishop

Federal Member for Curtin

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds
Assistant Minister for Home Affairs
PO Box 6100
Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

15 March 2019

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY

s. 47F(1)

- ☐ Reply by Minister within one/two weeks
☐ Reply by Adviser/CoS

Date Received 21 MAR 2019

- ☐ No further action
☐ Information only
☐ Referral to Min Coleman

Comments

Linda
Dear Minister

I have recently been contacted by s. 47F(1) regarding a family of Tamil asylum seekers in Biloela, Queensland.

So that I am able to respond to s. 47F(1), I would be most grateful for your advice on the matters she has raised. A copy of her correspondence to me is enclosed.

I appreciate your consideration of this issue.

Best wishes

JULIE BISHOP

Encl.

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Dear Julie Bishop MP,

I am a constituent in your electorate. I am writing to ask you to contact the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC to express your support for a Tamil family taken from the rural community of Biloela, QLD in March 2018.

s. 47F(1) and their two daughters, s. 47F(1), are a young family who have lived in and contributed to the rural town of Biloela for four years.

s. 47F(1) were hard working, productive members of the Biloela community over these years. s. 47F(1) was a skilled and valued employee at the local meatworks, an industry suffering labour shortages. Now he and his family while away their days in a detention centre.

Despite the hundreds of thousands of Australians calling for this family to be returned to their town, your colleague Peter Dutton not only rebuffed all requests for them to be allowed to settle in Australia but insulted them by suggesting they have blatantly tried to use their Australian-born children as leverage with immigration authorities.

This family has now endured one year of needless detention. s. 47F(1) is reportedly showing the damaging effects of isolation and stress.

The people of Biloela have consistently demonstrated their determination to bring s. 47F(1) and the girls home to Biloela. Over 180,000 Australians have signed an online petition in support of this goal.

If allowed to return, s. 47F(1) story could inspire other migrants and refugees to experience the benefits of rural living for themselves. Removing this family from Australia just makes no sense, on so many counts!

I believe it is a matter of public interest that this family be granted the right to remain permanently in Australia.

Will you please urgently raise this matter with Senator Reynolds and ask that she immediately use her public interest powers under the Migration Act to allow s. 47F(1) to remain in Australia?

The story of this family has gained a lot of public attention across Australia. Coming up to the election, the Coalition needs all the help it can get, especially in Victoria which now looks to be the major swing state, as Senator Reynolds would know. Giving this refugee family permanent residency will play well in Victoria where rural residents have long recognised the contribution that migrants and refugees make to country communities. So public interest and political interest will be jointly served by a decision to approve this family's permanent residency.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

s. 47F(1)

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7 March 2019

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Andrew Wilkie
INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MP

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05 APR 2019

The Hon David Coleman MP
Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

David

I am writing to express the concern of many of my constituents regarding a Tamil family who were living in Biloela, Queensland. I understand s. 47F(1) and their two young children have failed to gain asylum in Australia, causing great distress in their local community.

I acknowledge the family's applications and appeals have failed but this does not address the community's concerns for their welfare, particularly given two young children are being detained.

I ask that you revisit this matter and find a more appropriate response than detention while their appeals continue.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Wilkie

Andrew Wilkie
Independent Federal MP

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