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Commonwealth of Australia

**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF
SUBSECTION 198AE(4) OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

**EXERCISE OF MINISTERIAL DISCRETION UNDER
SECTION 198AE OF THE *MIGRATION ACT 1958***

Exercising my power under section 198AE of the *Migration Act 1958* (the Act), I have determined on 08 May 2023 that section 198AD of the Act does not apply to a class of unauthorised maritime arrivals.

I consider that it was in the public interest to make a determination in respect of the unauthorised maritime arrivals that section 198AD of the Act does not apply to these persons. My reasons for thinking that the determination is in the public interest are because of the particular circumstances of the unauthorised maritime arrivals.

Dated: 31/5/23

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clare O'Neil'.

THE HONOURABLE CLARE O'NEIL MP
Minister for Home Affairs
Minister for Cyber Security

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