

Pledge to Asylum Seekers

To those who come from desperation and despair,
To those who have endured violence and unrest.
To those who have no place of safety,
Who come to our shores seeking sanctuary:

You are welcome here.

We pledge to the mothers and to the fathers,
We pledge to the children and pregnant women,
We pledge to those tortured, broken and dispossessed,
We will acknowledge you with kindness and compassion;

You are welcome here.

We pledge as part of the human family;
We pledge as members of a global community;
We pledge as people who have sought and found
A peace and safety such as that you seek,

You are welcome here.

As the children and grandchildren of displaced persons,
We will not shirk our responsibilities.
We will not stand by while you are hidden offshore.
We will insist on change to the current system.

You are welcome here.

If you dream of your children living in safety,
Of sharing the hard work and the rewards;
If you long to contribute to a caring and just society
And subscribe to a 'fair go for all',

You are welcome here.

Bring respect, fellowship and goodwill.
Bring your heart, your courage and your aspirations.
We are fair, honest, open-minded and generous,
We greet you in friendship.

And you are welcome here.

Signed: _____