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Enough! Declare an amnesty today

Given the likely failure of the refugee arrangement with the United States, Australian Prime minister Malcolm Turnbull should announce an amnesty and bring the asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus to Australia.

The politics are what they are, and are beyond Mr Turnbull's control. But the moral resolution is clear and simple: these people cannot be subjected to President Donald Trump's extreme vetting, with the intended outcome obvious before it starts. They have been humiliated and traumatised for long enough.

The dignity of our nation requires nothing less than such an amnesty, as does the Prime Minister's own dignity.

This matter has been wounding the soul of our nation for long enough. The people on Nauru and Manus are, like ourselves, made in the divine image and likeness. This is the basis for their and our dignity.

Not one Australian would want to be treated as they are being treated. Enough!

In the name of God, I beseech you, Prime Minister: declare an amnesty today.

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