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# COVID-19 AND IMMIGRATION DETENTION

CENTRE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS,  
REFUGEES AND DETAINEES

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# KEY ISSUES

- Ongoing suspension of personal and non-essential visiting since March 2020
- Overcrowded detention facilities and 'Alternative Places of Detention,' and transfers between facilities
- Re-opening of Christmas Island immigration detention centre
- Releases of people from detention facilities and 'community detention' into the community with no support
- Introduction of legislation to increase powers to remove smart phones in detention and cancel visas (which would result in an increase of number of people detained)

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