

Information from the New Zealand High Commission Canberra

For New Zealanders in immigration detention in Australia

You may choose to contact the New Zealand High Commission at any time by requesting to call **(02) 6270 4211** and asking to speak to a Consular Officer. This may be a collect call. The New Zealand High Commission will contact Australian officials to determine why you are being held and will monitor your situation.

In order to permit the New Zealand High Commission to speak to you and to others about your case you will need to complete a Request for Consular Contact form (DIBP 1360). If you have not received this form, please request it from the Australian authorities. You can request contact with the New Zealand High Commission at any time.

You are now subject to Australian Government legal procedures. You will find information attached to this document from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection explaining the general process behind visa cancellations, including lodging an appeal and the option to return to New Zealand. **We recommend that you employ an Australian lawyer if you wish to dispute the cancellation of your visa and have your lawyer make representations on your behalf to Australian Government authorities.** Do not sign any statement or document without first seeking legal advice.

The New Zealand High Commission cannot interfere or get involved in any Australian legal proceedings. It cannot assist you financially with legal costs, or assist you in selecting a specific lawyer. However some useful contacts are provided on the next page. The New Zealand High Commission can advise and assist, to a limited degree, in obtaining and passing information on your behalf and at your request. The New Zealand High Commission can also contact your family and lawyer on your behalf if you wish.

Should you have any special medical requirements or other condition that you feel officials need to be aware of while you are in immigration detention, you should inform Australian Government authorities and the New Zealand High Commission. You may be asked for further details in writing to help us ensure that you receive the medical assistance you need.

If you are returning to New Zealand from Australia following deportation or voluntary removal you may be subject to continued supervision by New Zealand authorities. You may also be eligible for some basic support services. To check what assistance may be available to you we suggest you contact Work and Income New Zealand in the first instance (<http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/individuals/brochures/financial-assistance-if-you-have-been-deported.html>, +64 9 913 0300).

The New Zealand High Commission can:

- inform next-of-kin or other relatives/friends of your arrest and seek any financial assistance from them, if requested
- arrange for the transfer of funds from family or friends for the payment of legal expenses
- take up any justified complaint you may have about any ill treatment or discrimination with the Australian Government authorities and advise your lawyer of these.

The New Zealand High Commission, Canberra cannot:

- select a lawyer
- provide legal advice or pay legal fees
- get you released from detention
- intervene in the judicial process of another country

You may contact the New Zealand High Commission, at:

Level 2

65 Canberra Ave

Griffith ACT 2603

Phone: +61 2 6270 4211

Fax: +61 2 6273 3194

Email : nzhccba@bigpond.net.au

Useful contacts

If you do not have internet access where you are being held, please phone the Consulate-General and we can assist you in gathering information.

For advice on engaging an Australian lawyer:

New South Wales:
Law Society of NSW
www.lawsociety.com.au
Community Legal Centres New South Wales
www.clcsw.gov.au

Queensland:
Queensland Law Society
www.qls.com.au
Community Legal Centres Queensland
www.qails.org.au

Victoria:
Law Institute of Victoria
www.liv.asn.au
Federation of Community Legal Centres
www.fclc.org.au

Western Australia:
Law Society of Western Australia
www.lawsocietywa.asn.au
Community Legal Centres WA
www.communitylaw.net

Tasmania:
Law Society of Tasmania
www.lst.org.au
Community Legal Centres
www.clctas.org.au

South Australia:
Law Society of South Australia
www.lawsocietysa.asn.au
South Australia Council of Community Legal Services
www.saccls.org.au

Northern Territory:
Law Society Northern Territory
www.lawsocietynt.asn.au
Community Legal Centres refer National Association
webpage
www.naclc.org.au

For advice on immigration detention:

New South Wales and Western Australia:
Immigration Advice and Rights Centre Inc (IARC)
www.iarc.asn.au
T: +61 2 8234 0799
Or
T: +61 2 8234 0700

Victoria:
Refugee and Immigration Legal Centre (RILC)
www.rilc.org.au
T: +61 3 9413 0100

Queensland:
Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS)
www.rails.org.au
T: +61 7 3846 9300
Or
T: +61 7 3846 933