



STATEMENT

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NAURU REGIONAL PROCESSING CENTRE

Labor welcomes the Nauruan Government's announcement that it will process the remaining asylum seekers in the Regional Processing Centre as soon as possible.

Labor has consistently said that the Liberal Government should be working with the Nauruan's to ensure that all asylum seekers have access to safe, dignified and humane refuge – we welcome the decision to make the facility more open.

People must have their protection claims assessed as soon as humanly practicable.

The Government must also ensure the incredibly serious allegations of rape and assault are urgently investigated.

While today's announcement is welcome, Labor calls on the Government to step up its efforts to find permanent resettlement solutions for the refugees on Nauru.

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