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RESETTLEMENT IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Labor welcomes the report that the Government of Papua New Guinea will soon commence refugee resettlement following approval by its National Executive Committee.

From the outset, the Government of PNG has displayed a willingness to work constructively with Australia on Regional Resettlement.

The Regional Resettlement Arrangement is an Australian-led initiative that has had the biggest single impact on stemming the flow of asylum seeker vessels and preventing deaths at sea.

That it is more than two years since the Abbott-Turnbull Government was elected and not a single refugee has been resettled in PNG is evidence that this Liberal Government has mismanaged this important bi-lateral relationship and failed to actively engage with PNG.

A future Labor Government would make working with the PNG Government to resolve the future of those at the Manus facility a priority.

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