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## Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylu

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### Abstract

In 2005, in the wake of the Cornelia Rau scandal, a citizen's inquiry visited immigration-detention facilities. Until then, the federal government had not conducted an inquiry into immigration detention, and the operations within detention centres had not been subject to public scrutiny. Inquiry into Detention (as it came to be called) heard heartbreaking testimonies of the refugee determination process, and their life in and after detention. A large number of written submissions were received. Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylum in Australia presents testimony and written submissions from the inquiry in a powerful and accessible format. Clearly and comprehensively presented, the book is a haunting and powerful account of the former and current immigration detainees, refugee advocates, lawyers, and immigration staff. Taken together, their stories record a humanitarian crisis that is ongoing, both here and overseas. With a foreword by prominent human rights lawyer, this is an essential book that will resonate for years to come.

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