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Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylum

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Abstract

In 2005, in the wake of the Cornelia Rau scandal, a citizen's inquiry was established to investigate the conditions in immigration-detention facilities. Until then, the federal government had not conducted a comprehensive inquiry into immigration detention, and the operations within detention centres. The inquiry into Detention (as it came to be called) heard heartbreaking testimonies from detainees, the refugee determination process, and their life in and after detention. A similar number of written submissions were received. Human Rights Overboard: Seeking Asylum in Australia is a powerful collection of testimony and written submissions from the inquiry in a powerful and accessible format. Clearly and comprehensively presented, the book is a haunting and powerful record of the experiences of former and current immigration detainees, refugee advocates, lawyers, and immigration staff. Taken together, their stories record a humanitarian crisis that has shaped the lives of many, 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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