



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CASE Supports SBS's "Go Back to Where You Came From"**

Case for Refugees has come out in support of SBS's reality show "Go Back to Where You Came From" for portraying honesty and truth about the plight of refugees as well as community attitudes to them.

Case for Refugees principal solicitor, Shayla Strapps, says, "We deal with hundreds of genuine refugees every year, and behind every face there is a story of such pain and anguish, it is impossible not to be moved and have anything but deep respect and empathy for them. We challenge anyone to do what the six brave Australians are doing in search of the truth about refugees and not be considerably moved."

The show also highlights the dangerous, often perilous journey asylum seekers take in order to find safety. Case for Refugees supports the prosecution of smugglers who take advantage of desperate refugees and profit from their plight. CASE also supports long term durable regional solutions that work with our asian neighbours rather than those who aim to shift the burden rather than share it.

CASE hopes that the airing of the show will help to de-politicise the asylum seeker argument. We hope that it will encourage a more principled approach to the problem, based on re-settlement, rather than a burden shifting arrangement to our neighbours. The solution needs to be based on compelling need, rather than vested political interests.

For those of who would like to help refugees in some way please visit our website at [www.caseforrefugees.org.au](http://www.caseforrefugees.org.au).

#### **About CASE for Refugees**

CASE for Refugees is Western Australia's only Community Legal Centre providing legal services to refugees, asylum seekers and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) communities. Operating since 2002, CASE has assisted thousands of clients from over 36 countries many of whom have been victims of torture and trauma.

In 2011, CASE's principle solicitors were awarded the prestigious WA Law Society's Lawyers of the Year in recognition of their work and service.

CASE is one of the organisations behind the successful "After Dark Series" held each year in Perth to highlight the plight of refugees.