

We all need our families

Refugees like Salem (pictured) are living in a constant state of limbo, unsure of their future. He lives in Carlisle, works hard and pays his taxes, but employers are hesitant to offer long-term positions, banks will not give loans, and most painfully – he is unable to bring his family out to live with him.

Some people have not seen their kids in almost a decade. When family members are still living in places like Afghanistan, there is enormous anxiety about their wellbeing.

Permanent visas are necessary for people like Salem to have a sense of stability and to be able to financially invest in their community.



"I love living in Perth. Most of us have been here nearly a decade – we work hard, we pay tax, but we still are not allowed to settle. We want to invest in the community, we want to reunite with our family, but we need help to convince the Government to give us a permanent visa." Salem, Carlisle, WA.

Learn more about Salem and other refugee stories on our website:
weallneedourfamilies.com

Giving permanency to refugees who have demonstrated a commitment and contribution to Australian society is good for families and for our economy.

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Sign our petition to grant permanency to refugees on temporary visas and help boost our local economy.

Quick Facts

- Temporary Protection visas (3 year) and Safe Haven Enterprise visas (5 year) are granted to people recognised as refugees who arrived by boat.
- SHEV & TPV holders are in an ongoing limbo. They can't return to the country they fled from but have to continually reapply for a visa every 3 or 5 years.
- They are unable to sponsor their spouse or children to join them in Australia.
- In WA there are about 980 people holding a TPV or a SHEV.
- About 200 live in the Swan federal electorate and 450 in Cowan.
- The government could save more than \$300 million in visa reprocessing costs by granting permanency.
- Local businesses will benefit if people are made permanent because they will be able to invest locally and not have to send their income to family offshore.
- Nearly 20,000 people currently live in the community on TPVs and SHEVs in Australia. Over 11,000 more are still having their claims processed.

What have the political parties committed to regarding permanency & family reunion for refugees?

Labor

Committed to granting permanent visas and allowing refugees to reunite with their families.



Will not grant permanent visas and will not allow refugees to reunite with their families.



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Unclear.



Unclear, but want Australia to withdraw from the United Nations Refugee Convention.



Unclear.

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