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The Hon. Tony Abbott
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT

Via email: tony.abbott.mp@aph.gov.au

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Tasmanian Greens I write to make you aware of a proposal by Mr Julian Burnside QC, that Tasmania be considered a haven for the people seeking asylum in Australia.

Mr Burnside has suggested that, after an initial risk assessment, asylum seekers be hosted in the Tasmanian community while awaiting assessment of their claims for asylum.

While I appreciate your Party's policies on asylum seekers would not currently allow you to support the adoption of this proposal, I ask that you meet with me to discuss the concept.

Adoption of this proposal with policy and funding support from your government would be a massive economic, skills and jobs boost for Tasmania, which you recently acknowledged was necessary during the recent federal election campaign.

I look forward to a positive response from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick McKim'.

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