



Critical Policy - 2 IMMIGRATION – National Security

EXISTING UNLAWFUL NON-CITIZENS

The overwhelming majority of Australia's unlawful non-citizens originally arrived as holiday-makers or migrant itinerant workers who made the conscious decision to overstay their Visas in the hope that they could remain under the radar within the community, undetected.

And there are many instances of non-citizens who have lived in Australia for decades, raising children, leading wholesome taxpaying lives; most owning their own homes and many participating in the enhancing of their communities having become complacent about their illegal status and believing that they have earned their right to be part of this great nation.

In truth, they have earned the right to be Australian citizens irrespective of their unlawful status. And a Federal Party of Australia government would put the pedantic nature of bureaucracy aside and process these applications for citizenship without disruption to their lives.

We have numerous cases of families whose parents legitimately (no fraud involved) brought their young children to Australia and failed to apply for residency as a prelude to citizenship. This had occurred one, two, and three decades ago. The children, now productive adults and parents themselves had been unaware of their illegal status, automatically believing that Mum and Dad had done the right thing. Now enter one bureaucrat who authorises that they be uprooted and placed in an Australian detention centre.

In the last matter that came to our attention both parents in their sixties and an independent 42-year-old son – all leading productive lives – were detained and deported back to Munich. This would not happen under an FPA government. We would retain those who produce and contribute when all other circumstances are acceptable.

Five-Year Time Limit

Even though the above example of granting compassion and common sense to productive, long-term non-citizens would still apply, it will be mandatory that all unlawful non-citizens who are detected within five years from the expiration of their Visas will be dealt with in the same manner as Asylum Seeking Air Arrivals (i.e. processing from offshore detention centres with some exceptions).

Productivity and community acceptability (i.e. culture and hostile religious beliefs) will play an influential part in processing these unlawful non-citizens.

Beyond the Five-Year Time Limit

All unlawful non-citizens who are detected outside the five-year time limit would be processed either from Australian (onshore) detention centres or from their own residences, whichever is deemed appropriate at the time.

Again, productivity and community acceptability (i.e. culture and hostile religious beliefs) will play an influential part in processing these unlawful non-citizens.