

**REPORT (ABRIDGED) BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND
IMMIGRATION OMBUDSMAN FOR TABLING IN PARLIAMENT**

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the second s 486O report on Mr X and his daughter who remained in immigration detention for more than 30 months (two and a half years).

The first report 1001823 was tabled in Parliament on 3 December 2014. This report updates the material in that report and should be read in conjunction with the previous report.

Name	Mr X (and daughter)
Citizenship	Stateless (claimed), of B ethnicity
Year of birth	1983
Ombudsman ID	1002286
Date of DIBP's report	17 February 2015

Detention history

17 August 2012	Mr X and his daughter were detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 412 <i>Ropeley</i> .
30 July 2015	Granted Bridging visas and released from community detention.

Visa applications/case progression

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) advised that prior to being released from detention, Mr X and his daughter were part of a cohort who had not had their protection claims assessed as they arrived in Australia after 13 August 2012 and the Minister had not lifted the bar under s 46A.

Health and welfare

The family did not require treatment for any major physical or mental health issues.
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Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

<p>Mr X and his daughter were granted Bridging visas on 30 July 2015 and released from immigration detention.</p> <p>The Ombudsman notes that Mr X and his daughter were held in detention for over two and a half years before being granted Bridging visas. The Ombudsman further notes that at the time of DIBP's review processing of their claims for protection had not commenced.</p> <p>The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of the family's protection claims commence as soon as possible.</p>
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