

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

Under s 486O of the Migration Act 1958

This is the first s 486O report on Mr X who remained in immigration detention for more than 24 months (two years).

Name	Mr X
Citizenship	Country A
Year of birth	1996
Ombudsman ID	1003164
Date of DIBP's report	27 July 2015

Detention history

24 July 2013	Detained under s 189(3) of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> after arriving in Australia as an unaccompanied minor aged 17 aboard Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 804 <i>Emelle</i> .
27 August 2015	Granted a Bridging visa 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 was 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

Mr X was provided with treatment and counselling for a range of physical and mental health issues including a history of torture and trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder.

April – July 2014	Mr X was admitted to a psychiatric hospital.
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Ombudsman assessment/recommendation

Mr X was granted a Bridging visa on 27 August 2015 and released from immigration detention.

The Ombudsman notes that Mr X was held in detention for over two years before being granted a Bridging visa. The Ombudsman further notes that, at the time of DIBP's review, processing of his claims for protection had not commenced.

The Ombudsman recommends that the Minister lift the bar under s 46A and processing of Mr X's protection claims commence as soon as possible.