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**[YOUR TOWN] locals gather to stand for sanctuary for people seeking asylum**

More than [TURNOUT] [YOUR TOWN] locals came out for a snap event on Monday night, joining thousands in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, after the High Court allowed for the imminent deportation of 267 refugees and asylum seekers to Nauru.

The event in [YOUR TOWN] was organised by [YOUR FULL NAME], who explained, “I organised it to show Prime Minister Turnbull and the government that people in [YOUR TOWN] want them to let the 267 people seeking asylum currently under threat of deportation stay in Australia.”

[In your own words, include one sentence about how many people attended your rally and what they did]

GetUp coordinated the snap events with groups including Amnesty International, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Love Makes a Way and Welcome to Australia.

GetUp’s Human Rights Director Shen Narayanasamy said: “There are 267 people who may be deported at any point by our government. Across the country, people have been coming together and asking the government to let them stay.

 “These babies were born here. The children are going to school here. The families have suffered greatly. More abuse is unacceptable.

“There is now no excuse for the Prime Minister of Australia to send these vulnerable people back to Nauru.

“Doctors and nurses, priests and vicars, teachers and students all have called for the Prime Minister to let them stay. Australia has stood up and demanded that babies, children and families are allowed to remain in Australia.”

“All these people want is what any of us want. A chance a life of safety and freedom. We can offer them that,” she said.

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