

ABSTRACT

Boat People issues become an important issues in Australia. As we know that Australia has been one of the country's main purpose for asylum seekers. However, the country has a strict system in choosing asylum candidates, it aims to hold down and hamper the presence of asylum seekers. For Australia, the arrival of Boat People become a serious threat, because it could harm the sovereignty of the country. For conquering this issues, Australia together with his Prime Minister, Tony Abbott execute a cooperation with state of PNG. The form of the cooperation is resettling Boat People in Nauru and Manus island. This policy is named Regional Resettlement Arrangement. This policy was made in the reign of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. The interesting thing is the differences of party backgrounds which we know will surely have opposite opinions. Nevertheless when Abbot was elected as a Prime Minister, he continued the policy which was made by Rudd. So that this thesis is made for knowing, why Tony Abbott continued Regional Resettlement Arrangement policy.

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