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### Government congratulated on refugee move

The peak body for the migration advice profession has congratulated the Department of Immigration and Citizenship on its decision to allow seven Burmese asylum seekers entry to Australia from Nauru.

Migration Institute of Australia president Arnold Conyer said his organisation supports a fair and just approach to asylum seekers.

“The moves announced by the Department are a sensible way forward,” he said.

“We are also heartened by media reports that the Immigration Minister, Senator Chris Evans, has signalled this is the beginning of the end of the so-called ‘Pacific solution’ for asylum seekers, where asylum seekers are sent to have their refugee applications assessed on Pacific island detention centres.”

“We are encouraged by the government’s announcement to make decisions soon about resettlement arrangements for 74 Sri Lankans in Nauru who also have been found to be refugees.”

“We hope the government will be guided by fairness and justice when also considering the plight of a further eight Sri Lankans on Nauru,” Mr Conyer said.

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