

# A Note from Craig Foster



## People trapped offshore are suffering. We must get them to safety.

In October 2019 I travelled to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea with Amnesty International to meet with refugees and people seeking asylum sent to Manus Island more than seven years ago by the Australian Government.

We found people trapped indefinitely by Australia's offshore detention regime who are suffering terribly. They have been left without hope for seven years and are destitute physically and emotionally.

They are not allowed to work legally, they can't access education, play the sports they love, access health care or plan for their futures. Many live with trauma and illness every day because of their treatment in detention. They've lost friends, family, and are tired from hanging on. They desperately need our help.

**It's time to call 'Game Over' and get these people to safety so they can rebuild their lives. This Action Guide has the tools for your club to join the campaign and get people to safety.**

## Our community is suffering.

I feel a responsibility to those who are part of my sporting community, and that's why I'm lending my support to get all people to safety.

Football is built on the backs of migrants and refugees and we can't turn our back on those who are part of our family, however difficult it might be.

The guys had their own league on Manus Island, and football played a big role in keeping them sane. It was their respite, their sanctuary amid the suffering. They showed me photos and videos of the games, the goals, we shared our love of the game and became friends.

Samad, a passionate cricketer used to bowl in the middle of the night, just to be free for a moment. Ezatullah hasn't given up on his dreams of becoming a great kickboxer.

I met cricketers, kickboxers and played football with refugees in Port Moresby, a moment when they were free for just an hour playing the game they love.

I was deeply touched by them all. This is the incredible power of sport. But it also comes with the responsibility to stand up and help others when the need arises. That's why I'm asking all Australians to raise their voices for the immediate resettlement of the remaining asylum seekers and refugees in detention offshore.

**Stand up for our community trapped in offshore detention. Use this Action Guide to call Game Over.**

A group of seven men are standing in front of a soccer goal. From left to right: a man in a dark polo shirt and white cap, a man in a dark t-shirt, a man in a white t-shirt with a soccer ball graphic, a man in a white t-shirt with a black eagle graphic, a man in a blue t-shirt, a man in a dark t-shirt with 'VERSE' on it, and a man in a white t-shirt. They are all smiling and some are giving thumbs up. A yellow banner is at the bottom of the image.

**Want to do more? Join us at [gameover.org.au](https://gameover.org.au) for further updates and actions!**

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## Together, let's call 'Game Over'

Australians won't stand by any longer while politicians turn a blind eye to the suffering of people warehoused offshore. It's time to call 'Game Over' and get these people to safety so they can rebuild their lives.

We've seen the power of sport to welcome and protect our fellow human beings. Craig Foster brought football together to #SaveHakeem. Our sporting clubs already welcome migrants and refugees from all backgrounds because we know that we are stronger together.

We all have it in us to help these people reach safety by working together with our neighbours to find them permanent homes, and to call for those in need of urgent medical treatment to be brought immediately to Australia.

With the 'Game Over' campaign, we need individuals and communities across the nation to put pressure on those in power by asking the Prime Minister to end the suffering and get these people to safety.

## Here's how:

### 1 SIGN THE PETITION

Begin your journey by calling on Prime Minister Scott Morrison to end the suffering of those trapped offshore and get them to safety. [Add your name here.](#)

### 3 CHANGE YOUR PROFILE PHOTO

Add a Game Over frame to your Facebook or Twitter profile photo, to share the message far and wide! Grab your new [Facebook frame here](#), or your [Twitter frame here](#).

### 2 SPREAD THE WORD

Message your friends and family asking them to sign on to the campaign by directing them to [gameover.org.au](http://gameover.org.au). You can also tweet something like: I'm calling #GameOver on offshore detention. Join me, @AmnestyOz and @Craig\_Foster at [gameover.org.au](http://gameover.org.au)

### 4 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

Later this year, the #GameOver campaign will hold a National Day of Action that will force the government to get people to safety. To participate, register at [gameover.org.au](http://gameover.org.au)



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