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## STATEMENT ON THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

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The College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand and the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society believe that:

- Access to healthcare is a basic human right and should not be compromised for those seeking asylum.
- The conditions in detention facilities, in on-shore and off-shore, and regional processing centres should not compromise the mental and physical health of asylum seekers.
- Long term severe negative health outcomes can result from prolonged detention and uncertainty.
- Detaining children can have profound detrimental impacts on the health and development of this already highly vulnerable group.

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