

Honourable members

Many I respectfully point out that most of us Aussies are boat people too.

My forebears came from Liverpool in 1855 by boat... 83 days on a heaving ocean to a land less-well-known than the moon (with apologies to Launceston).

There should be only two criteria for acceptance of boat people - 1) that they are not war criminals
2) that they WANT to be Australians.

May I point out that after the Second World War, even Criteria 1 was not fully enforced. Where are the European refugees now... they are Australians just like you and me