

Christmas Island Detention Centre

Photo courtesy of Christmas Island Asylum Seekers (Rural Australians for Refugees)

Cost to the Australian Taxpayer: \$500 million +

Cost to human rights: immeasurable

Australia's GUANTANAMO

WHERE IS IT?

- ▶ Christmas Island (CI) is 2,400 kms from Perth, 360 kms from Jakarta and nearly 2000 kms from Darwin.

THE PRISON

The Government says that it is a detention centre built as a deterrent.

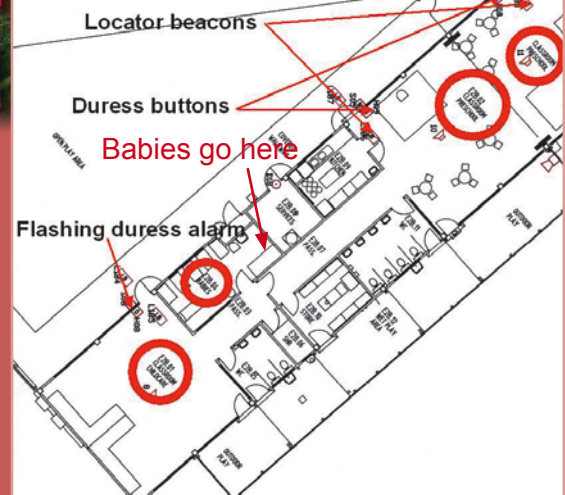
- ▶ It has electric fences and hundreds of microwave probes (movement detectors) and cameras under eaves, on roofs and in every room.
- ▶ CCTV is linked to a remote control room in Canberra – Immigration copying Big Brother.
- ▶ Detainees will wear electronic ID tags which track them everywhere at all times.
- ▶ There is a hospital, operating theatre and visiting rooms with non-contact glass panels. Once admitted a detainee need never leave, even if gravely ill.
- ▶ There are even RED ONE and RED TWO management Units (solitary cells like the one Cornelia Rau was locked in for 23 hours a day).
- ▶ Chillingly, there are family units and, separately, a Babies Compound with an 8 cot nursery, childcare centre, play area and classrooms.

URGENT call to all Australians to STOP this offshore PRISON.

The completion date for this Gitmo style detention camp is June 2007.

THE BABIES' COMPOUND

(actual plan extract)



John Howard signed off on these plans in June 2005. At the same time he promised Liberal backbenchers concerned with the human costs of the detention system that there would be no more children in detention.

USA HOMELAND SECURITY INSPECTION

From 4–9 November, United States Officials from US Homeland Security flew by chartered plane all the way from Singapore to inspect the facility. Why? What is the USA's interest in Australia's domestic policy on immigration detention?

FOR WHOM?

Any person incarcerated in this place will suffer in mind, body and spirit. They will be deprived of basic human rights and will have no access to the Australian legal system.

STOP it now!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ▶ **Contact your local member.** Do this now before the government begins to lock helpless people (including children) in this prison.
- ▶ **Contact the media** and make sure everyone knows about this secret taxpayer-funded prison.
- ▶ **Put this flyer up somewhere public!**



**For more information
go to www.asrc.org.au**