



## Australian High Commission

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### **Australia returns illegal immigrants from failed people smuggling vessel**

Twenty Sri Lankan national illegal immigrants were returned to Sri Lanka yesterday from a people smuggling vessel targeting Australia.

Australia remains committed to protecting its borders, stamping out people smuggling, and preventing people from risking their lives at sea.

Australian High Commissioner, David Holly, warned anyone considering illegal migration not to be fooled by the lies and false advertising of people smugglers.

“As the return of these people shows, there has been no change to Australia’s tough border protection policies following Australia’s recent Federal Election,” High Commissioner Holly said.

“Australia has zero tolerance for people smuggling, and people who attempt to come to Australia illegally by boat have zero chance of success.”

The only way to travel to Australia is legally, with an Australian visa. To find out more about options for safe and lawful travel to Australia, visit the Australian Immigration and Citizenship website (<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/>).

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