

Australian asylum debate heats up

New Prime Minister Julia Gillard plans to create a refugee processing centre in East Timor to stop an influx of asylum seeker boats reaching Australia's shores. The policy is aimed at allaying voter fears over border protection ahead of looming elections

Christmas Island:

Sole centre remaining from "Pacific Solution" set up by former Prime Minister **John Howard**, under which new arrivals were placed in detention centres on Pacific and Indian Ocean islands

East Timor: Centre would house asylum seekers while their credentials are checked

★ **Pacific Solution** detention centres

★ **Cocos Island**

INDONESIA

INDIAN OCEAN

Leonora: New outback camp opened to cope with overspill from Christmas Island

★ Derby

★ Port Hedland

AUSTRALIA

Woomera

★ Perth

Baxter

Maribyrnong

Villawood

Canberra

Gillard says eight new patrol boats will be commissioned to strengthen border protection

500km
310 miles



Opposition leader Tony Abbott says he would "turn back the boats" by restoring Pacific Solution

REFUGEES IN DETENTION IN AUSTRALIA

