

Question 24 (6 marks)

With reference to ONE contemporary human rights issue, explain the role of state sovereignty in enforcing human rights.

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Australia has long been an attempted destination for Asylum seekers. Australia's State sovereignty over the matter has ensured that the human right to asylum has been granted to genuine refugees. Australia is signatories to the Refugee Convention 1961. This Convention dictates that signatory nations may not turn away genuine asylum seekers. Therefore, Australia must enforce human rights in the area of Asylum Seekers. As a result, Australia has established DIMIA or (Department of ~~Indigenous~~ ~~Matter~~ Immigration, Migration and Indigenous Affairs). Through Australia's state sovereignty, it can determine whether or not a refugee is genuine, through DIMIA. Australia has also exercised its state sovereignty through attempting to process Asylum seekers in Malaysia and Nauru, ~~although~~. Australia enforces ~~human~~ human rights through its state sovereignty in the area of the processing of asylum seekers.