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## Looking for Paradise



## Looking for Paradise – Book 12

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Cover

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Book 12 of 12 books

100 pages hand made raw cotton paper.

58 cm x 41 cm

Ink drawings, gouache, collages, digital prints.

Typewriter text and relief print with gilding tools.

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## About Looking for Paradise

Australia is a population of immigrants and refugees with its own history of displacement of its first inhabitants marginalised and relegated to missions.

The work creates a parallel between Australian government policies and their consequences on refugees' quest in looking for a better place to live, a search for paradise and their dreams to find a refuge.

Central to the theme of the work, I am bringing the stories of these immigrants who are relegated to the margin of society, to the centre page.

At the heart of the work is a series of 12 books that look into how past and present policies instigated to help or denied entry to people in need of a 'safe heaven'. The books are presented in a barb wire cage. Each gallery chooses a number of books to display, alluding to the restrictive movements imposed on refugees.

The texts are framed with drawings of the Australian bush and botanical specimens referencing the displacement of the indigenous population from their lands and placed in camps or mission.

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## About Nathalie Hartog-Gautier

As an Australian migrant, my life over the past 40 years has been a journey integrating my past, present and future through my art. My work focuses on the voyages of people and the interaction between their new environments and the ecology they bring with them.

This allows me to explore the transformation, attachments, associations and in particular, the intersection between place, memory, and identity underpinned by my own association and relationship with the landscapes of France where I was born and Australia where I live.

Weaving past and present is like seeing your own reflection and reading through it the landscape I have experienced.

Australia is a rich multicultural society and my work responds to this condition. My experiences of journey, of resettlement and of viewing the land with fresh eyes, informs my response to the current political environment.

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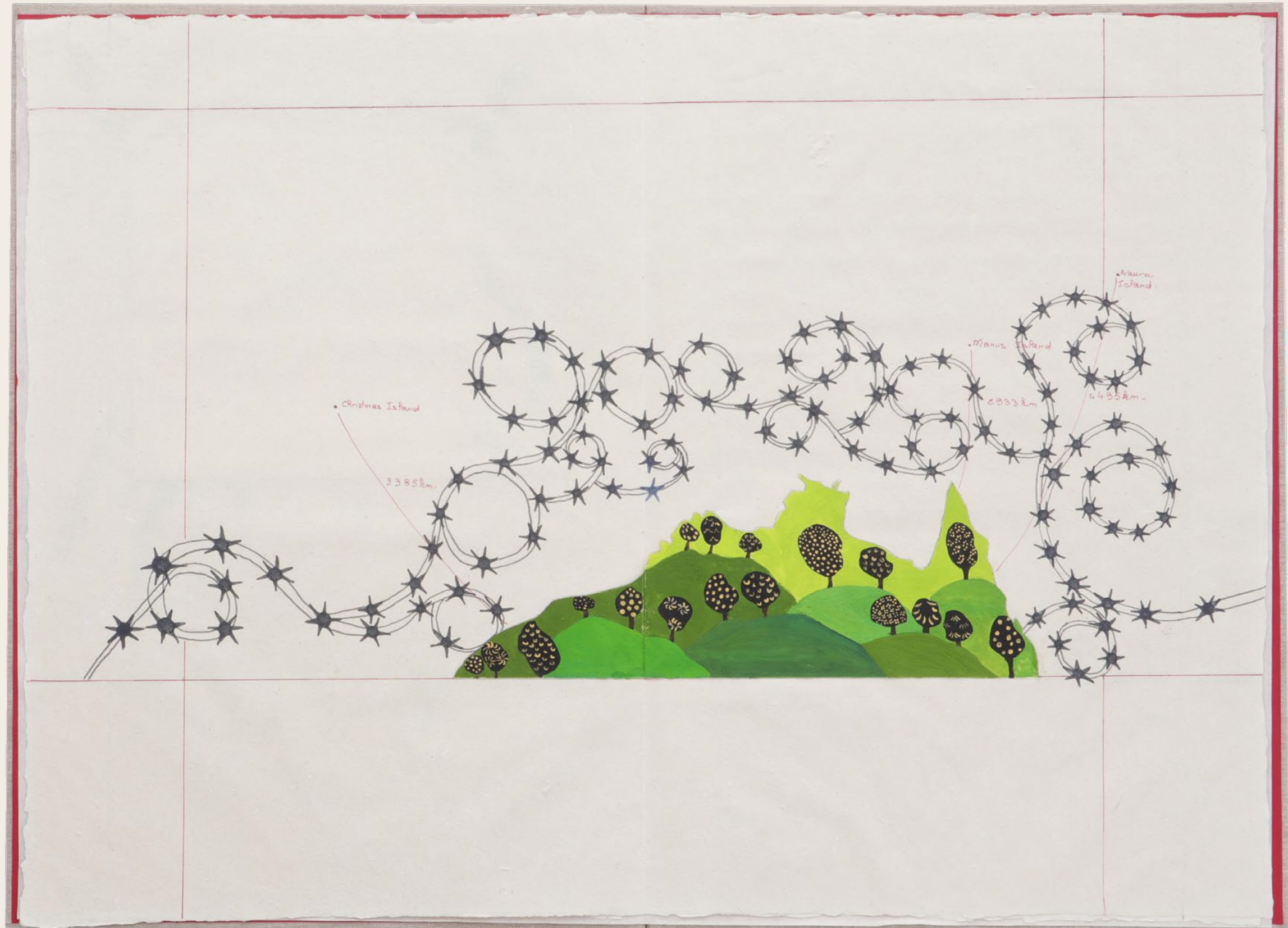
## ARTICLE 12

States have a responsibility to ensure that their refugee policies are ethically sound and consistent with international legal standards.

States, when they accede to human rights treaties make an understanding to ensure that their laws and policies are consistent with the treaty obligations. This final article is simply reinforcing the necessity for states to take every effort to ensure that each of the articles set out above is reflected in national law and practice.

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## Language of our politicians 2017-2019

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We are going to make the decision about who comes to our country.

These men of Manus Island can go back to their country of origins. They are not coming to Australia, that is not going to change and there is no question about that whatsoever.

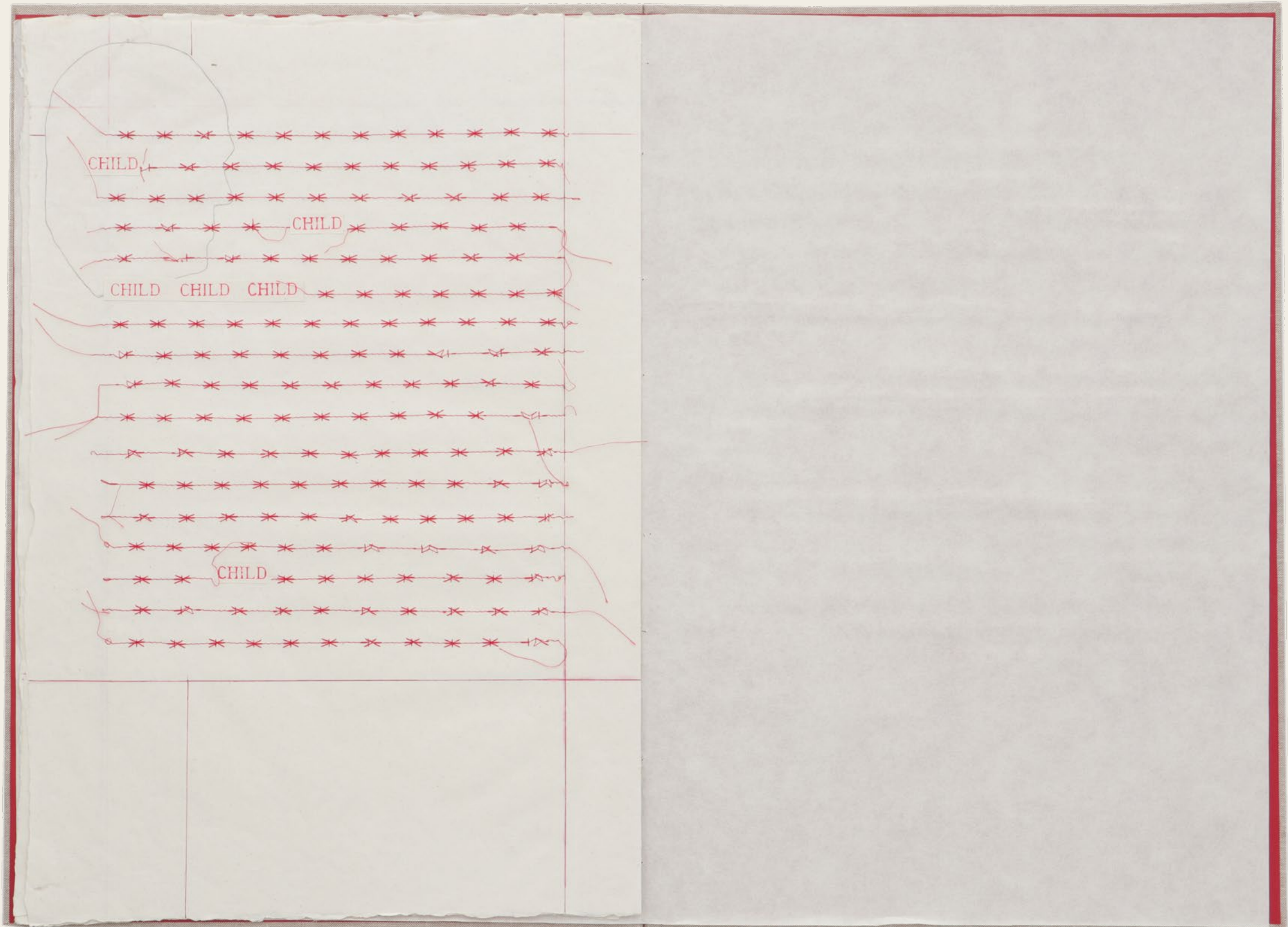
The bottom line is there are not coming to Australia.

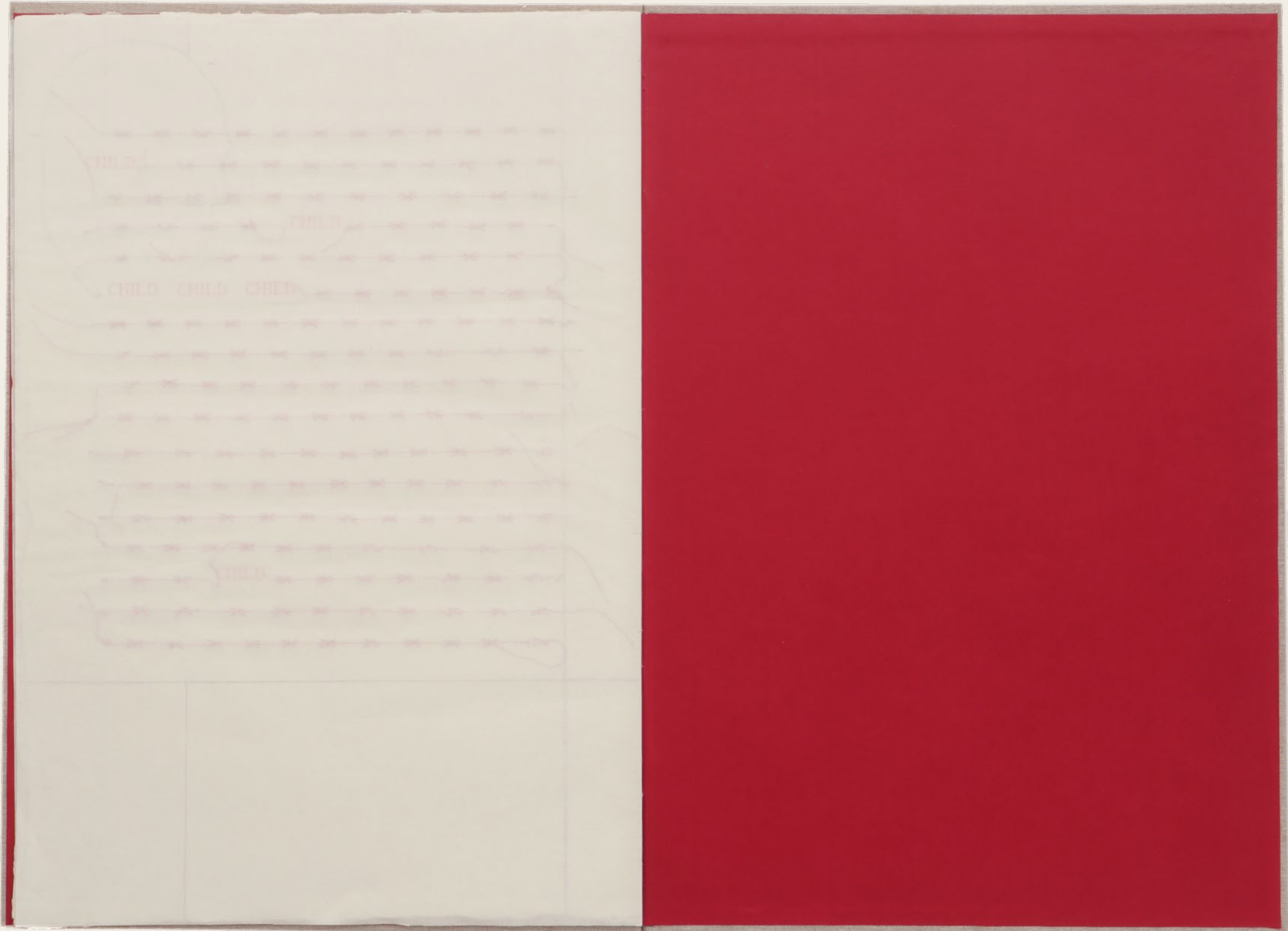
The starting point and the finishing point being these people will not settle in Australia.

We have stopped the boats. We are turning the boats back. If there is a change in government the boats will restart. Labor has created drowning at sea. Labor has created a market for smugglers... People aren't going to stay permanently in our country even if they come here temporarily for medical assistance... Our position is very clear and that people aren't coming here... They won't be numerate or literate in their own language, let alone English.

I don't want to see Australians who are in waiting lines at public hospitals kicked off those waiting lines because people from Nauru and Manus are now going to access those health services.

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