

CHAPTER VI

CONCLUSION

Australia is migrant destination country. From its history, immigration has started so many years ago and it became one of the most influential things for Australia. The number of people come to Australia is increasing time by time. There are not only economic migrant choose Australia as the migration country, but the refugee and displaced person also choose Australia as their destination country.

There are several reasons Australia is regarded as one of the most migration destination country. Beside the economic condition of Australia which is better for them, the people also argued that Australia is safe to get their better life. Recent time, there are many conflict occur in several countries that cause the instability of economic, political and social condition on those country. That condition make the people that became the victim of the conflict leave their country and try to find another safe place.

Australia as one of the countries who ratified UNHCR 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol also has become the destination country for refugees. The participation in ratifying UNHCR 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol make Australia

has a responsible to help the refugee and it also make people around the world who become displaced person from their home country choose Australia as the destination country.

In contrast, the high number of immigrant to Australia becomes a serious issue on Australia. There are some problems caused by the arrival of immigrant in Australia. For instance, the illegal numbers of people enter to Australia, environmental problems, social problems and also security and economic problems.

There are some pros and cons toward the arrival of refugee in Australia. One of the most controversial issues was the implementation of Pacific Solution. It was not only became a domestic issue, but also international issue. The implementation of Pacific Solution was assessed as a breach of Australia's international obligation under the Convention that has been signed. The policy under Pacific Solution like the excision some territories from Australia Migration Zone, the interdiction at the sea and the offshore processing in declared country, has been perceived as the violation of Australia's obligation.

The rising of international conflict is also one of the factors behind the high number of refugee globally. It becomes serious problem for UNHCR, as the body of refugee protection, to handle the refugee problem all over the world. And Australia as one of the signatories of 1951 UNHCR Convention and 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugee surely has to responsible to help UNHCR. Yet, the arrival of

refugee in Australia later will influence the Australians domestically and became one of the backgrounds behind the implementation of Pacific Solution.

The political condition also became one factor that influences the decision maker in making policy. The tensions between the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party of Australia made the different view toward the refugee issue. Then Labor Party which led the government at that time has their own view toward the refugees to implement Pacific Solution. The Liberal Party tend to more focus on the Skilled migrant that perceived will give benefit for Australia economically than the people under Humanitarian program.

Next, the arrivals of refugee also influence the economic and military condition of Australia. It has been argued that the high number of refugee in Australia would increase the Australia social burden to fulfill the right of refugee. Besides, the resettlement of refugee also seems make Australia spent more budgets. In military, the arrival of refugee was seen as a threat for Australia national security. At the moment, the high number of refugee can be benefited by illegal smugglers to cover their illegal business. The strong policy can be assessed as the deterrent to people smugglers. Moreover, the terrorist attack happened before the implementation of the policy also influenced the decision maker to make stronger policy in handling

In short, it can be concluded that there are several factors that made the government which at that time led by John Howard from Australia Liberal Party to implement Pacific Solutions. The rise of conflict in international arena that lead the higher number of refugee globally will influence the domestic politics of Australia, including its economic and military capabilities