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## AUSTRALIA URGED TO CUT NUMBERS IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION

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Australias Human Rights Commission has urged the government to reduce COVID-19 risks for immigration detainees by reducing the number of people held in the crowded facilities in a report released on Wednesday that also called for the closure of its Christmas Island detention centre, 2,600 kilometres (1,616 miles) northwest of Australia in the Indian Ocean.

The Human Rights Commission said that while the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States all reduced the number of people held in immigration detention □ by 39 percent, 66 percent and 69 percent respectively □ in the first six months of the pandemic, the numbers in Australia had increased by 12 percent.

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