

## SIEV X Case Study Committee

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### Questions remain, 10 years after sinking

The 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, will mark 10 years since the drowning of 353 mostly women and children when 'Suspected Illegal Entry Vessel 'X'' sank in international waters on its way from Indonesia to Australia.

"We remember the tragic loss of lives and honour this by seeking the truth about what really happened to the SIEV X" said Dr Donnie Maclurcan, Chair of the SIEV X Case Study committee that, in 2006, launched a case study for high schools investigating the sinking.

"Important questions remain unanswered, such as whether the sinking of SIEV X and subsequent loss of life was preventable" Dr Maclurcan said.

"The public and families of those who died have a right to know the truth. If a similar number of Australian women and children died anywhere in the world we would not rest until the truth was known" Dr Maclurcan stated.

"The Labor Government should honour its 2004 election policy commitment to initiate a comprehensive, independent judicial inquiry into the issues surrounding the sinking of SIEV X" Dr Maclurcan said.

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