

Brett Lethbridge

Welcome

The Courier-Mail, 9 April 2024

In February a group of asylum seekers was flown to Nauru after being found in remote Western Australia. A month later, BuildSkills Australia, a new body established by the federal government to tackle Australia's skills shortage in building and construction industries, said that an extra 90,000 workers would be needed to meet the government's ambitious plan to build 1.2 million new homes in five years. Brett Lethbridge suggests that perhaps two birds can be killed with one stone.

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Lindsay Foyle

Apply Here

New Matilda, 18 March 2024

In March several Palestinians fleeing Gaza had their Australian visas cancelled while they were en route to Australia. They were initially granted temporary visas, which means the recipient is not allowed to work or have access to education and healthcare benefits in Australia. Some of the visas were reinstated after additional security checks were undertaken.

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Peter Broelman

Shore Thing

The Canberra Times, 19 February 2024

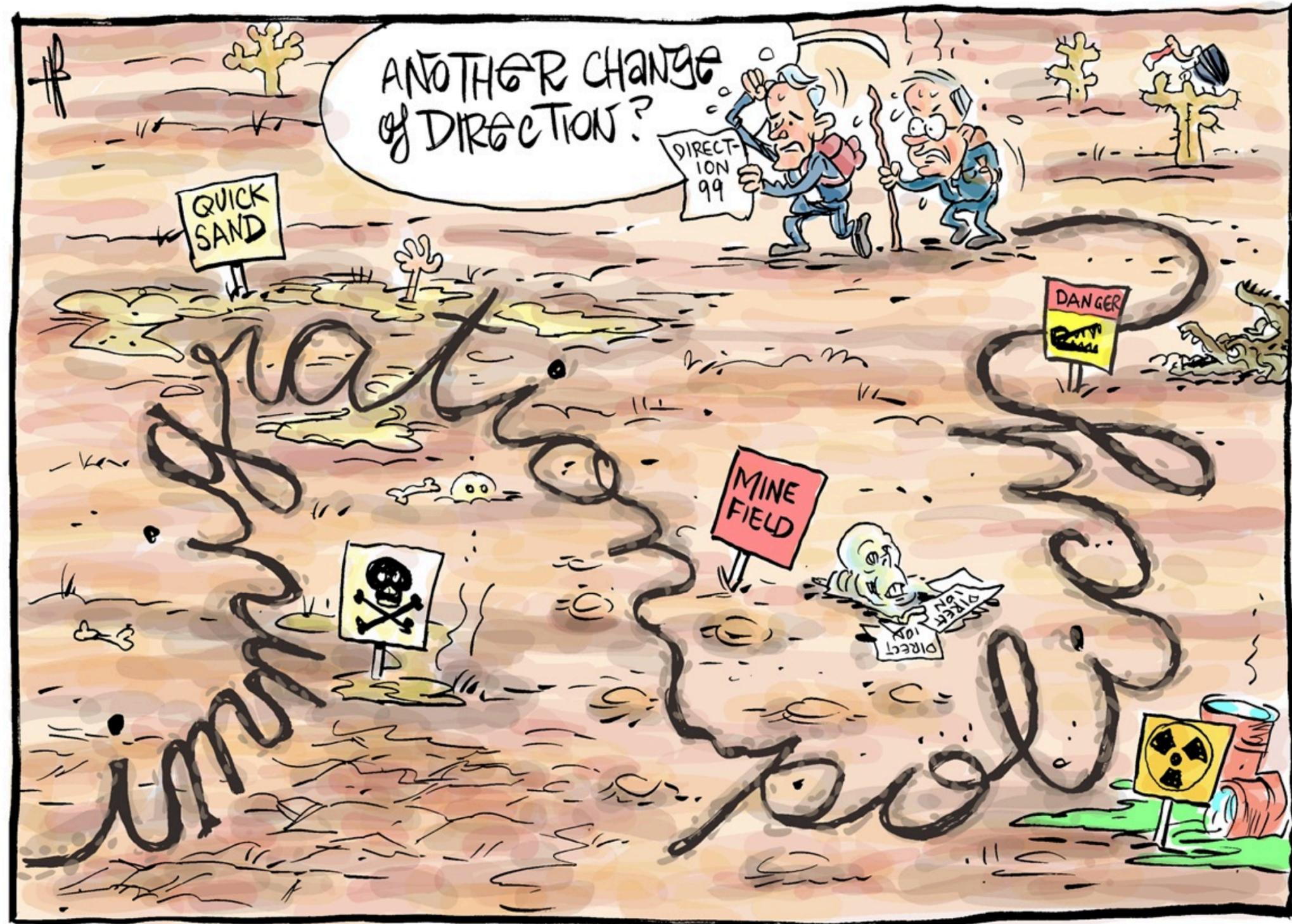
In February more than 40 male asylum seekers, who had arrived by boat, were flown to Nauru after being found in Beagle Bay, a tiny Indigenous settlement in a remote part of Western Australia. Opposition Leader Peter Dutton accused the government of having lost control of Australia's borders: 'I do not know whether the same level of surveillance is being undertaken as was the case when we were in government'.

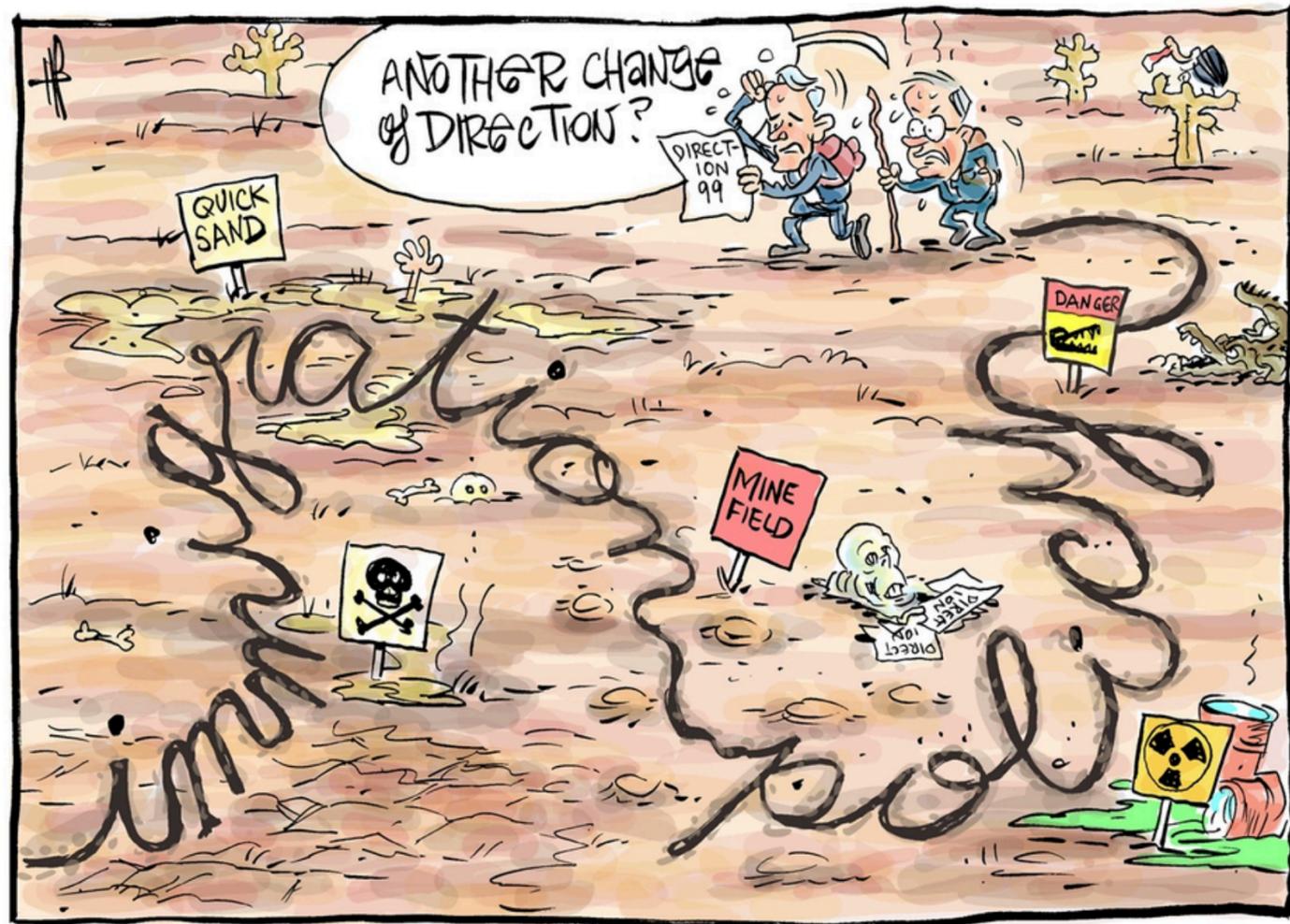
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Harry Bruce

Another Change of Direction

The Cairns Post, 31 May 2024

Direction 99 was a directive from Immigration Minister Andrew Giles that asked courts and tribunals to consider someone's ties to Australia as a primary consideration when reviewing their visa. The directive was initially a response to the New Zealand Government's attempts to end the deportation of New Zealanders who had spent most of their lives in Australia. It made news when several foreign nationals convicted of serious crimes were allowed to remain in the country, prompting Giles to draft a new directive intended to make community safety the primary consideration in future decisions.

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