OPINION: Firstly, let us say the majority of protesters have noble intentions, drawing attention to noble causes. And the right to protest is an essential component of every democracy and should be protected. However there is a time and a place, and the protesters at Parliament House yesterday and this morning are nothing more than selfish pests. Their actions are likely to result in a security overhaul which could eventually, worst case scenario lead to the closure of the Public Gallery. For decades, generations of young school students up and down the East Coast have made the pilgrimage to Canberra to see and experience firsthand how our country works. Essential stops on those school excursions include Questacon, and Cockington Green... However the most important destination of all is Parliament House, where they see Government doing what Government does. This is an important tour in any child’s life, as they grow to understand our national identity. Part of which, is the ability for any member of the public to walk in and see our parliament in action. For a group of rebel rousers to abuse this trust, is the most disgraceful service to their cause, it will curry no favour, as they have disrupted the administration of everyday lives. What does beggar belief, is how yesterday’s protesters against offshore detention centres were allowed to return to Parliament House for the second consecutive day sparking more chaotic scenes. Yesterday, security was caught unawares, however what is today’s excuse? After super-gluing hands to railings in the Public Gallery yesterday. Today they’ve scaled the building’s front wall while several others stood ankle-deep in Parliament’s ceremonial pool holding signs which read “turn-backs are murder” and “no opposition to cruelty”. Two of the people who abseiled down the front of the building also unfurled a banner reading “close the bloody camps now #justice4refugees”.

By Jayden Smith
It is understood just as many police officers stood opposite them and some even waited on Parliament’s roof to trap those who tried to climb back up the building rather than down.

“Today we are letting parliamentarians know, for a second day in a row, (about) the torture, abuse and rape of refugees,” one of the protesters Phil Evans told News Corp.
“We’re calling for justice for refugees and that will only happen when they close all of the bloody camps. Yesterday was about taking the message to the heart and now we’re making sure that the conversation continues.”
Greens Senators Lee Rhiannon and Nick McKim have praised activists for taking a stand for asylum seekers, however Ms Rhiannon said she didn’t support climbing Parliament and donned it inappropriate, according to News Corp.
On the other hand, it turns out Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten can agree on something.
The pair have both condoned the protests.
“I wasn’t concerned for my personal safety but I was concerned that the Parliament could be interrupted like that, the demonstrators who rioted in the gallery were interrupting the people’s House,” Mr Turnbull said.
“They were interrupting democracy, they were denying democracy.”
It’s believed activists, who are demanding every single person in offshore detention be evacuated immediately and the camps shut down, have informed the media that all protests will be peaceful.
The ceremonial pool also had to be drained in order to rid of the red hair dye worn by the protesters to symbolise the deaths from turn-backs at sea.
There are currently talks of implementing new security measures in Parliament including new fencing, gates, external security points and extra heavily armed police.