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Australia admits 12,000 refugees and humanitarian visa holders each year. Currently the largest group are the Sudanese-born. Australia is often accused of cherry-picking the better educated and more highly skilled refugees. This paper examines the demographic and social characteristics of those Sudanese, Somalis, Burundians, Sierra Leoneans, Congolese etc. who are chosen from the alleged 'queue' in Africa and examines what little data is available to date as to their fate once they arrive in Australia.