Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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1. Fill in the table below, identifying what environmental, social and economic factors might pull an asylum seeker to Australia.

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Low crime rate	Low unemployment	Warm climate
Right to education &	Minimum wages	Beaches
medical care	Social security payments	Wildlife/plant life not
Family reasons		found anywhere else
Freedom of religion		Few natural disasters
Freedom of political beliefs		
Legal rights		

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