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Dear Ms Dunstone,

**Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2019**

I refer to your email of 11 July 2019.

The Legal Services Commission of South Australia provides legal advice and assistance in on-shore migration matters only. Many such matters come before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal where a number concern problems with visas. The Commission supports the proposed changes which would enable the Minister to permit a member of the designated regional processing cohort, or a class of persons within the designated regional processing cohort, to make a valid application for a visa if the Minister thinks it is in the public interest to do so. We also support the decision not to apply the visa ban to children.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

Yours sincerely,

 Gabrielle Z Canny  
Director