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Dear Ms Vamvakinou

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 October 2022 concerning a proposal from the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Migration for a new inquiry – 'Migration, Pathway to Nation Building'.

On 2 September 2022, the Australian Government announced a comprehensive review of Australia's migration system, 'A Migration System for Australia's Future'. This review will inform a new strategy for our migration system to ensure it better meets existing challenges and sets a clear direction for the coming decades. I have appointed three eminent persons to guide this review, Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, Dr Joanna Howe and Mr John Azarias, and expect the review to report to Government in early 2023.

I appreciate the shared aspirations of the Joint Standing Committee on Migration and, to complement the work that we can do together to improve Australia's migration system, I ask that you inquire into the following matters:

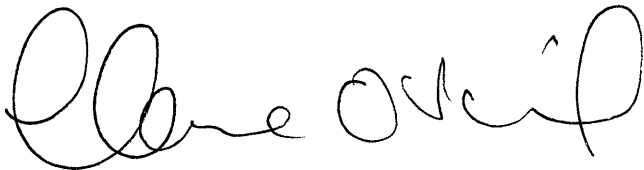
- The role of permanent migration in nation building, cultural diversity, and social cohesion;
- Immigration as a strategic enabler of vibrant economies and socially sustainable communities in our cities and regional hubs;
- Attraction and retention strategies for working migrants to Australia;
- Policy settings to strengthen skilled migrant pathways to permanent residency;
- Strengthening labour market participation and the economic and social contribution of migrants, including family and humanitarian migrants and the partners of working migrants;
- The role of settlement services and vocational training in utilising migrant experiences, knowledge, and opportunities; and
- Other related matters than may assist the inquiry.

If you, as Chair, accept this referral, I ask that you report back to both Houses of Parliament by 17 November 2023.

I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Andrew Giles MP, the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Dutton MP, the Shadow Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Karen Andrews MP, and the Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Dan Tehan MP.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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