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**From:** Rido [liz\_rid@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 October 2008 4:21 PM  
**To:** Legal and Constitutional, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** 

To whom it may concern,

Today in our local paper the Area News there was a column regarding migrants working in Australia. It was asked that the community put forward thier thoughts on migrants working in Oz on Sponsorships.

I believe in migrants being able to come and work to fill positions that cannot be filled by our own citizen's but, my question too you is.

I have these two lovely German girls that work with me at a company in Griffith NSW, I am their supervisor and they have been the most hard working and may I say very intelligent people I've worked with in years, you should see them type on a computer, very professional.

Anyway, both their working visa's are nearly expired and apparently they cannot stay here unless they are sponsored by a business house that can keep them employed for around \$48 k per year, is this true? Because if it is I think the government has set the bar too high, these two girls would dearly love to keep working in Oz and contribute to building this great nation but how can it happen when they have to leave when their time is up, can't they just apply for an extension or something?

Please checkout their case's as I'm sure you would have it on your system because they are a great asset too the company I work for and I'm sure they would be a great asset to our community.

Kind Regards  
Paul Ridley  
Griffith NSW

 