



Australian Government



Jobs and Skills Australia

Commissioner

Ms Sophie Dunston
Committee Secretary
Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Dunston

Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024

Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee's Inquiry into the *Migration Amendment (Strengthening Sponsorship and Nomination Processes) Bill 2024*.

JSA was established in November 2022 as an independent agency responsible for providing advice to the Australian Government to underpin Australia's response to current, emerging and future labour market and workforce skills and training needs. In providing this advice, JSA has a commitment to tripartite engagement and partnerships with government, business, employee representatives (unions), education and training providers.

On 11 December 2023, the Government released its [Migration Strategy](#) which outlines a vision for Australia's migration system. In relation to JSA, and relevant to the scope of this inquiry, the Migration Strategy:

- Establishes a formal role for JSA in defining Australia's skills needs using evidence, including advice from tripartite mechanisms.
- Notes that JSA will monitor the labour market impacts of the Specialist Skills Pathway of the new Skills in Demand (SID) visa program, to ensure it supports job creation and the upskilling of Australian workers.
- Notes that JSA will provide advice on a new Core Skills Occupation List (CSOL) for the Core Skills Pathway of the SID visa. This advice will take into account skill shortages, domestic training and workforce planning, and international obligations.
- Notes that JSA's labour market advice will inform the development of the Essential Skills Pathway of the SID visa.

JSA has been actively engaging with a broad range of stakeholders on the process for developing its advice on a new CSOL that, along with background context and a set of frequently asked questions, was released for consultation on its website on 20 March 2024. Information on this consultation process and the labour market methodology is available at [Draft Core Skills Occupations List \(CSOL\)](#).

JSA also works collaboratively with the Department of Home Affairs and relevant Ministers on the broader implementation of the Migration Strategy, as it relates to matters which fall within the legislative remit of JSA.

JSA would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters with the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner
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