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Dear Mr Bryant

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Migration Amendment (Temporary Sponsored Visas) Bill 2013. Temporary migration is an important area and one of significance to the Community Services and Health industry.

With respect to the amendments outlined Community Services and Health Industry Council (CS&HISC) is not aware of any substantive persistent evidence that overseas workers are negatively impacting the employment opportunities of Australian workers. CS&HISC is of the view that any tightening of controls or limitations on the availability of 457 visas, EMAs and RMAs that are implemented without due consideration of persistent workforce shortages may have a detrimental impact on the ability of the health and community services industry to deliver care and support to patients and service users.

For more detail on our position on temporary migration and the role of 457 Visas within the Health and Community Services industry - please find enclosed with this letter the CS&HISC submission to the inquiry into the current framework and operation of subclass 457 Visa, Enterprise Migration Agreements and Regional Migration Agreements.

For more information about the information in this response, please contact
Policy & Research Manager on _____ in the first
instance.

Please note that we would be happy to present or discuss this submission in person and for our response being included in the inquiries report.

Yours respectfully

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