



THE SENATE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY MIGRATION

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Senate Committee to examine the impact of temporary migration

Australia has the second-largest migrant workforce in the world, with the number of temporary visa workers having jumped from 1.8 million to 2.2 million in the past four years.

On 5 December 2019, the Senate resolved to establish a Select Committee on Temporary Migration to inquire into and report on the impact temporary migration has on the Australian economy, wages and jobs, social cohesion and workplace rights and conditions, with particular reference to:

- a. government policy settings, including their impact on the employment prospects and social cohesion of Australians;
- b. the impact of temporary skilled and unskilled migration on Australia's labour market;
- c. policy responses to challenges posed by temporary migration;
- d. whether permanent migration offers better long-term benefits for Australia's economy, Australian workers and social cohesion;
- e. the impact of wage theft, breaches of workplace rights and conditions, modern slavery and human trafficking on temporary migrants; and
- f. any related matters.

The committee invites submissions addressing the terms of reference from interested individuals and organisations by **25 March 2020**.

'This is an important opportunity for stakeholders and interested individuals to share their knowledge with the Senate and help shape future migration policy', Committee Chair Senator Ciccone said.

Information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available at:
https://www.aph.gov.au/select_temporarymigration.

For media comment contact Alys Gagnon from the office of Senator Raff Ciccone, Committee Chair, on 0438 379 977.

For information about the inquiry process, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 3585.