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Dear Paola, Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Irene, Elizabeth, Inaam, Suzy and Georgia

This is the Newcomers Network Official Submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration review of Australia's current system of assessing the skills of people wishing to migrate to Australia under the skilled migration system due today, 24 June 2005.

I found out about this enquiry as a result of a posting on one of the Yahoo Groups that I subscribe to.

As I have said many times in the past, for people migrating to or returning to Australia, I feel that there should be:

1. Much more emphasis on pre departure information that is relevant and provides people with access to quality information for their industry (as per the Pre Departure Employment Jobs Kit that I have already created and that is attached to this email - I will be updating this again this year)
2. An Australian Bureau of Statistics snapshot of each industry for people applying to have their qualifications assessed
3. More realistic current information provided on the current number of jobs available in the industry and requirements set by the industry (like apprenticeship requirements or Australian experience required to secure similar incomes)
4. For people who have been assessed a list of free resources and professional associations that they can utilise to assist with their job search
5. Job ads that state that international experience is welcome

I am very pleased that the Victorian Government, through the Live in Victoria website, now allows employers interested in skilled migrants to post their jobs online free of charge. This is a great initiative and serves the dual purpose of creating an awareness and acceptance of overseas qualifications by Australian employers.

Have a great weekend

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