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To: Committee, Migration (REPS)

Subject: skilled migration

To whom it may concern:

My name is Martin Vesely and I have come across your advertising in Daily Telegraph newspaper from Saturday, July 2, 2005. My view would cover my current opinion on the the skilled migration program.

Since Department of Immigration has changed Minister I have noticed awkward handling of cases. I am currently holding Bridging visa until further decision by Adelaide Skilled Processing Centre. I have applied as a Skilled Migrant for Permanent residency based on my 5 Year University studies overseas and 1 Year postgraduate study here in Australia. I'm still waiting for decision, almost over 14 months without any significant progress neither I have received any note about the waiting period. How should I approach potential employer and offer full time commitment if I can not guarantee my next month? Hypothetically if applicant receives negative decision from Immigration Department he/she only gets 28 days to leave country.

I have forgotten to mention that my skills are teaching at Secondary schools. My skills have been fully recognized by NOOSR institution in Canberra. Ministry of Education kept advertising about improving Public Education and from my experience I know Public Schools have big demands for more teachers.

I do understand fact that Occupations on Demand are always processing faster however if applicants after tertiary education would be kept in uncertain future his/her skills will vanished in whirlwind of casual jobs. Not to mention that potential applicants would like to establish their lives in Australia (having family, make investments etc...).
I do not know any other immigration systems of other countries therefore I can not comment on this matter. Thanks for the opportunity to write my opinion and share a partial experience with topic.

With regards

Martin Vesely

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