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To whom it may concern

Perhaps we should look at the inaccessability of Hairdressers to move onto a 457 (business sponsored temp res) due to the fact they can't meet the minimum wage requirements (it is not industry norm to pay hairdressers and a number of other trades \$34,075 + super). This eliminates a lot of them from obtaining their 5 points for 6 months work in Australia. I believe a lot of the trades people coming out of their qualifications in Australia as international students are disadvantaged if they lose points on age. They can not gain the extra 5 points for getting a work permit and working as they can't get their employers to give them more than the industry will pay. eg a Hairdresser in Darwin will not be able to get work there at \$34,075 + super and taxes because employers do not pay such high wages for that occupation. And yet it is on the high demand list.

Hope this helps.

Kind Regards

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