



MARYBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

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Dear Sir,

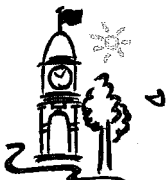
Re: Finding Skilled Migrants

Your letter of 14 October, in relation to the above matter, received Council's consideration at its Meeting held on 5 November, 2002.

In response to your request for comments in relation to the matter of "Finding Skilled Migrants", Council advises as follows:-

1. That Council considers that before the matter of finding skilled Migrants is addressed, your Committee should be ensuring that Australia's Youth have the opportunity to enter into apprenticeships which will result in Australia having access to trained tradesmen when needed.
2. That to assist with the employment of apprentices, Council considers that the Federal Government should be providing subsidies to prospective employers.
3. That the implementation of the above suggestions would assist in reducing the current level of Australia's unemployed youth.

Yours faithfully,



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P.L. Cochrane,
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER