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To whom it may concern.

I would like to make it clear that the removal of LAFHA will make it almost impossible for my family and I to stay in Australia.

I was recruited to work on a four year automotive project on a 457 visa. The decision to leave my job in the UK and come to Australia was made with LAFHA factored in. Without it, I would not have come. It's removal nearly half way through the visa period puts us in a very difficult position.

The project has another two and a half years to run. I would imagine that my employer will be pretty disappointed, as they will need to find another engineer to take over from me to get them through to the end of the project. By all accounts, they struggled to find an experienced lighting engineer, hence recruiting me from overseas.

I would request that the transitional period is extended until 1-Jul-14 (in line with the transitional period for Australian residents), allowing me to see out the project and the four years of the 457 visa.

Regards,

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