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**From:** Danny jaggs  
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**To:** Committee, Migration (REPS)  
**Subject:** Skilled migration

Dear Sir/madam,

My name is Daniel Jaggs, I saw your ad in the Daily Telegraph and im writing to give you my veiws on the experience I had with skilled migration. I am a British qualified electrician and emigrated a year ago with my wife. To get my resedency I had to first get my trades recognition then apply for perm resedency. I was not informed by anyone until my arrival in Australia that I needed a licence to work in my chosen trade,also how difficult this would be to obtain. I was first informed when I got to Australia that I needed a craft certificate, this involved more paperwork and more expense for a certificate which is EXACTLY the same as my trades recognition which cost me around \$600. I was then given the runaround by fair trading by a succesion of officers who all gave me different answers to my questions on obtaining my licence. In the end I found out that I would have to go back to college for a year to gain my NSW electrical licence, more time and more money. I do realise that I can work under someone elses licence but I had my own company in London and wish to do the same here and employ Australians. I do know some British electricians who have emigrated and find the thought of going back to college has put them off working as electricians. All in all, I think the processs of skilled migration is beneficial to the future of Australia but I suggest that more, and to be precise, the correct and clearer information on what is required on obtaining your licence, be available for tradespeople on application for permanant residency.

Regards Daniel Jaggs

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