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Here are some brief comments.

1. We are losing some quality skilled people to other countries because of the rigid basic requirements for skilled migration (e.g. age)
2. We find that current systems do not cater for people in the “intermediate” group, i.e. the group between those who qualify for skilled migration and those within the distinguished talent category
3. The criteria for distinguished talent needs to be relaxed somewhat (or perhaps a new visa needs to be introduced) to accommodate for people who are in the process of becoming distinguished
4. The scope of skilled migration also loses out on certain specialist occupations (e.g. screen writers) which are not on the Skilled Occupations List
5. Australian States should become more proactive in providing nominations to people with occupations in demand. Victoria’s SMU sets a good example and they assist migrants in getting jobs. We would like to see this happening with the other States/Territories
6. While I am unable to comment on migration to other countries, the lack of a right of review for offshore applicants is general not well received
7. Consistency and uniformity of assessment within certain skills assessment bodies and the ASPC could be improved, e.g. the legal, trades and ICT professions (They should talk more)
8. Turnaround times for skilled visa processing is off putting to many skilled migrants. On average, it takes around 12 months+ to obtain a decision. I am sure this area can be significantly improved to enhance Australia’s competitiveness for securing high caliber skilled migrants. Further, provision of status information in regards to where the application is, and the estimated time of decision would greatly help skilled migrants plan for relocation to Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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