

The comments and opinions are my personal observation as a migrant and citizen of this country:

the relevance of migration to Australia's long-term productive capacity;

- A country that does not open its borders will be left behind in the economic world. Australia is a country with vast land and resources but a limited population to enjoy its riches. Migration is necessary to increase productivity and ensure Australia as an economic power. Australia cannot rely on its small population to push for status on the world platform.

the role of migrant communities in generating overseas business and cultural links for Australia;

- Migrant brings valuable knowledge and resources to this country. They create businesses opportunities within and outside of the country. The less skilled migrants will create a small business structures e.g. restaurant, laundry, grocery shop and turn it in a sustainable business.

obstacles to skilled migrants, and qualified international students, gaining appropriate employment

- Based on my encounter with skilled migrants, the lack of a "recognised" Australian tertiary qualification and "local working experience" are the 2 main barriers to finding employment. Racism does not seem to be an issue.

the difficulties experienced by migrants and humanitarian entrants in establishing businesses.

- Older migrants and humanitarian entrants would experience greater difficulty with the English language of this country. However the services provided by local migrant centres and AMES/TAFE are a valuable resource for these people. Older migrants tend to have relatives which can be a support base whereas humanitarian migrants rely on friends and government for assistance with resettlement.

Thank you.

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