

dear sir madam.

my name is kristian john baily i currently work overseas in brazil for a drilling company. i gave up a 9 to 5 job in perth to follow my offshore career and to better myself and my young family.

i have a partner and a 7 year old son an aging mother and a grandmother who is very sick. i am supporting all of these people off my overseas income.

i have a mortgage also and paying off a car.

where i work it is more isolated than space itself, our safety is not as high as in australia, i battle with 3 day long plane flights, immense fatigue, diseases such as hiv, malaria, dengue fever, yellow fever, tropical ulcers.

we do not have health cover as such, we do not get sick leave, workers compensation or superannuation.

we don't get 13 day fortnights and we work 12 hours per day for 30 days straight, no weekends either.

we fight pirates frequently and in some areas we are under armed guard 24 hours per day. the food is sometimes not edible and fresh clean water is sometimes limited.

my company pays tax in whatever country we are drilling in and yes some areas the tax is a little lower than in australia but we pay for it in other ways.

if these new laws come in like the rudd government are trying to it will destroy my whole family. we are going to move overseas and set up elsewhere and bring up my family.

i'm a professional in my job and i will not waste my skills on coming back to australia. if i come back to work here i will be unemployed for who knows so the unemployment will rise. the rest of my family will struggle even more.

i am proud to be born and bred in this great country of ours and i'm a normal average law abiding citizen and trust me i do not want to sell everything and move overseas but this is the only option me and my family are facing its reality.

all my work colleagues from australia are packing their things also as we speak.

this will not help the country i want to spend my money in the country i love so much but the current government has given me no choice.

warm regards

kristian baily