## Community Relations Commission

For a multicultural MSW

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Dear Mr Walsh,

The Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW lodged a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Administration and Operation of the *Migration Act 1958* on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

I ask that the Senate Committee notes the following errata in the CRC submission:

Erratum 1: Section A-3-1 Temporary Protection Visas (TPV); page 14, second paragraph.

"...The Commonwealth is considering granting permanent residency status to all TPV holders en masse. Before doing so, NSW Government has requested that the Commonwealth Government outline the impact this will have on State/ Territory Government services..."

This paragraph should read:

"...If the Commonwealth is considering granting permanent residency status to all TPV holders en masse, before doing so, NSW Government has requested that the Commonwealth Government outline the impact this will have on State/ Territory Government services..."

Erratum 2: Fourth recommendation under Section A-3-7 Employment of overseas trained teachers; page 20.

"Tourist Visa – It is recommended that this visa be amended to enable qualified overseas trained teachers to be able to work for the period of their stay so they can be employed by NSW DET to teach in NSW Government schools."



This paragraph should read:

"Tourist Visa Conversion – It is recommended that where qualified overseas trained teachers arrive in Australia on a Tourist Visa and then subsequently decide to seek work as teachers in Australian schools, they are able to apply onshore for a visa that allows them to work, particularly in view of current teacher shortages. This could also apply to other professions and trades where there are skills shortages."

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Yours sincerely

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