



Federation of Hazara Councils of Australia

2025Proposal to Steve Georganas, Chair of the Immigration Committee

Subject: Proposal for Policy Initiatives Supporting the Hazara Community in Australia

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To:

Steve Georganas

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Hazara Federation council of Australia

Introduction

The Hazara community has made significant contributions to Australian society, particularly in sectors such as trade and small business. However, this community faces considerable challenges in reuniting with family members and addressing humanitarian crises resulting from their homeland's circumstances. This proposal outlines actionable steps the federal government can take to support the Hazara community through targeted immigration reforms.

Background

- The Hazara community has replaced traditional Italian tradies in the building industry and has played a pivotal role in revitalising areas in South Australia, including Kilburn, Blair Athol, Salisbury, and Elizabeth.
- In Dandenong, Victoria, the Hazara community has contributed to the city's reputation as one of the most diverse in Australia.
- Additionally, Hazara businesses flourish in Sydney, Queensland, and Western Australia, further emphasising their pivotal role in Australian economic life.

Despite these positive contributions, the Hazara community faces significant obstacles:

1. Family Sponsorship Limitations:

Current visa regulations prevent Hazara businesses from sponsoring relatives, thus hindering their ability to bring family members to safety from Taliban rule as well as staffing their businesses with trusted members.

2. International Student Visa Restrictions: The ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan has left many Hazara students unable to pursue education under Taliban governance. Current Australia international student visa system doesn't accommodate Hazara students to come to study in Australia.

3. Inadequate Parent Visa Options;

The existing parent visa framework does not allow Hazara individuals to sponsor their elderly parents, even when sponsors can cover all related expenses.

Proposal for Action

We respectfully request the Australian federal government consider the following policy initiatives:

1. Special Skilled Visa for Hazara Businesses:

- Enable Hazara businesses to sponsor family members under a special skilled visa. This would allow them to bring relatives with necessary qualifications, ensuring all costs are borne by the sponsors without imposing any financial burden on the government.

2. Family-Sponsored Student Visa Program:

- Develop a pathway for family-sponsored student visas for marginalised communities that Hazara community can utilise.

This initiative would facilitate bringing family members to Australia for educational purposes, relieving pressure on families affected by the Taliban regime.

3. Reform Parent Visa Regulations:

- Revise the current parent visa regulations to allow Hazara community members to sponsor their elderly relatives for long-term visits. All associated costs should be guaranteed by the sponsors, ensuring no financial burden on Australian taxpayers.

Conclusion

The Hazara community has proven their value to Australian society, and it is imperative that the government facilitates the reunification of families and addresses their unique challenges. This proposal represents an opportunity for meaningful change that could significantly enhance the contributions of the Hazara community while upholding Australia's humanitarian commitments.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and explore potential collaboration on these vital issues.

Thank you for considering our proposal.