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Dear Carol

Yesterday evening when the HSU and United Voice attended the hearing into the above Bill, Senator Duniam asked if we thought there would need to be major changes to provide for a national workers' screening process and/or whether or not there was any current legislation that reflects the sort of approach we were advocating.

We should have suggested the committee consider the ACT [Working with Vulnerable People \(Background Checking\) Act 2011](#).

Essentially, as we understand the scheme it provides for tiered positive registration of workers [and others] to undertake 'regulated activities' with 'vulnerable people' – both are defined. A person may be granted:

- Registration;
- Conditional registration – examples given include
  - a registered person must not drive a motor vehicle if a vulnerable person is a passenger
  - a registered person must not have unsupervised contact with a vulnerable person
  - a registered person must not supervise another registered person
- The conditional registration may be role based
  - a registered person may be engaged by any employer but only in a stated regulated activity

Registration is time limited to not longer than 3 years; a person seeking registration is able appeal a decision granting conditional registration or to not grant registration; and there are provisions for reviews, either requested or determined. The person is provided a registration card and number; and is able to use the card for the period of registration within the registration limits [if any]. Registration considers more than simply a police check.

**Regards.../ Leigh Svendsen**

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