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Subject: Inquiries on Skilled Migration

Hello,

My name is Richa Sharma Aryal and I am a Social Worker. I came across the Joint Standing Committee on Migration Inquiries so I thought of writing my concerns:

I have been working with the NSW Department of Education as a Community Liaison Officer from August 2019 at the Westmead Public School. I have been serving the school and the community during this pandemic and helping the community to understand and adapt to the changes we experienced during this unprecedented time. I support one of the biggest schools in NSW (1675 students in 2019) and help our school families which is at least 30% of the Westmead population. I go above and beyond to support the community and the department and play a crucial role in the school.

I came to Australia with a big dream to follow my passion and serve the country. I completed my Masters of Social Work degree from Western Sydney University and have been working in the social service sector and supporting the NSW community since then. I have submitted my Expression Of Interest for Permanent Residency in September 2019 and have completed all the necessary tests outlined by the DHA for the immigration purpose. I have secured the maximum point that a Social Worker can achieve which is 85 points on the 189 Skilled Independent and 90 points on the 190 State nomination. I have completed the skill assessment as a Social worker from the Australian Association of Social Worker and as a Welfare worker from the Australian Community Workers Association.

Even though Social Work occupation is listed on the PMSOL list, I have not been invited at all. Serving in a public sector and supporting the community is something that is not taken into account by the DHA. I believe I have all rights to get the residency and I have fulfilled all my duties lawfully. My temporary graduate visa will expire on 26 November, and I have been waiting for an invitation from past one and half years. With limited visa time and constant changing of the immigration policy, I am bound to quit my dream job and start from ground zero and move to another state and look for a job. It is not only stressful to move but I won't be able to practice Social Work to this level as again there will be uncertainty in finding a job, because of visa issues. I have to quit serving in the public sector just because I can't get the Permanent Residency from NSW which is bizarre.

Honestly, I am really worried about my future, and especially during this unprecedented time, it is even difficult to worry not just about your health but also what the future brings. I would love to live and work in NSW permanently and continue working and supporting the community and the NSW Department of Education but with this uncertainty of residency and constant change in immigration policies, life has become really challenging.

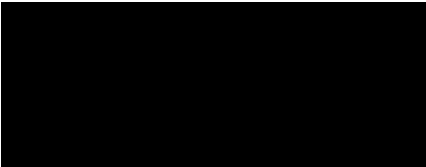
With the Joint Standing Committee on Migration, I would like to request to look into skilled immigrants who are already in Australia and serving the country as a professional. There is an acute shortage of Social Workers, and although I am a professional Social Worker, I haven't got any invitation from the government to be a Permanent Resident. Without securing the future of those who have already been living and working in Australia, I don't see a point of getting more skilled

migrants from overseas. Without giving priority to skilled professional who are onshore, it will not be fair to welcome migrants currently living offshore.

I would humbly request you to consider my Expression of Interest [REDACTED] and invite me to live permanently in NSW. With the study and the work experience, I am confident that I will be a valued resident of NSW. I assure you that I will continue to serve the country and the community through multiple avenues after being a Permanent Resident as well.

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration. Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,
Richa Sharma Aryal



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