

To whom it may concern,

My belief and experience is that migration to Australia can bring significant advantages to Australia. I know several Swedes and other Europeans who have migrated to Australia and are now contributing to society by running their own businesses or working in specialist fields where it would otherwise have been difficult to find staff. A general perception among many people I talk to is that it is quite easy to get a good and well paid job in Australia once you have a visa that allows you to look for work. However, getting a visa can be difficult and this can dissuade much needed skilled migrants from coming to Australia. Once a visa is in place Australia is a very welcoming and easy country to integrate into. A general perception is also that it is not overly complicated to start or to run a business in Australia and that there is little or no discrimination when applying for jobs. But note that this is a comment from a European point of view that might not necessarily translate to other migrants.

On a personal note I believe that a welcoming policy towards skilled migrants is essential for Australia to continue its strong development. Many companies I come in contact with find it very difficult to find and retain skilled staff in Australia. Skilled migration is one way to improve on this situation.

I hope my comments can be of some use to you.

Regards,

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