

Protecting Local Jobs (Regulating Enterprise Migration Agreements) Bill 2012

Introduced into the House of Representatives on 18 June 2012

By: Mr Bandt

Committee view

1.2 The committee notes that the statement of compatibility claims that this bill does not engage human rights as defined in the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*. The committee seeks clarification from Mr Bandt whether the bill could be said to engage the right to work contained in Article 2 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Purpose of the bill

1.3 This bill amends the *Fair Work Act 2009* and the *Migration Act 1958* to create a legislative framework for Enterprise Migration Agreements (EMA).

1.4 The bill also sets out various conditions that can be included when an EMA is made including:

- requiring employers to advertise jobs to locals before they can get an EMA; and
- requiring a local jobs board - listing jobs to be filled in the resources sector - to be maintained by the Workplace Relations Minister.