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## IMMIGRATION

The Chamber and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) have a partnership to provide a free immigration information service to employers in the resources sector in WA. This service covers information seminars, one-on-one provision of information, providing feedback to government and some intervention where needed. The service also includes regional outreach officers (ROOs) who travel to regional areas and visit employers there to provide the same service in regional areas.

### REGIONAL OUTREACH VISIT TO KARRATHA – NOVEMBER 16-18

A regional outreach officer will be visiting Karratha on November 16-18 and will be available to meet with employers in the resources sector who wish to discuss their immigration needs face-to-face with an immigration officer.

### REGIONAL SPONSORED MIGRATION SCHEME (RSMS)

Perth is now considered 'regional' for the purposes of the RSMS which means that employers can now sponsor eligible workers for permanent residence through the scheme even if they live and work in Perth. This is an attractive visa for FIFO workers, as there is no longer restriction on the place of residence. Permanent residence gives the worker continuity and stability. RSMS visa holders are required to work for their sponsor for two years.

### HOW TO GET YOUR VISA APPLICATION PROCESSED QUICKLY

DIAC encourages all applications for sponsor status, nominations and applications by selected employees to be fully completed before submission so that they are 'decision-ready'. A decision-ready application will be processed and finalised more quickly than an incomplete application, as missing supporting documentation will hold up the processing.

For further information on any of the above or immigration matters in general, please contact the resident DIAC outreach officer, Emma Hogen-Esch, at the Chamber on 9220 8536 or 0434 077 585, or email [immigration@cmewa.com](mailto:immigration@cmewa.com)