

Good morning

I am writing this in the **hope** that someone there will read this. I am one of the affected workers over-seas in New Caledonia who will have to review my situation (thanks to the government) with not much notice. We are committed to stay here & have signed to do so but we signed before this ruling was publicized I have read in The Australian where **you** are taking the time to question the government, which is good. Like you are saying decisions are being made with out all the facts. On my own case it is not for greed of money its for the experience.(I do not own several houses etc) This work over here is 14 days (12 hours a day straight) & 5 off where I have to **sacrifice** being away from my family.

- On earning better money family comes first, I have 3 teenagers who constantly need help (at least we are in the position to help when needed).
- My money has helped pay off extra in my house payments.
- We have done so many things around our property which has amassed to thousands of dollars.
 - New roof space insulation
 - Roof seal restoration
 - New carpets
 - Gas line connected to the house (electrical heater made redundant)
 - Electrical up-grade of the house
 - New fencing

All the above was carried out using local tradesmen in Adelaide & would not have been done if I was not working over-seas.

The camp conditions on this island are very poor. Once inside the gate there are no counter lunches, shops, swimming pools etc. Even the meals that are served up are generally thrown out. Most of us have to bring in our own supplies to get through which are **bought** in Australia.

So on this site we probably have over 500 Expats here who will no doubt return to Australia, pick up good positions or your unemployment level will rise, considering other projects around the world that will be doing the same.

Note this is the general feeling from people around the site & other contacts on other projects, if needed I am sure we could raise a signed petition.

Thanks for your time

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