

## Submitter information

Please provide your name and phone number, and preferred email address for contact if it is different from the one used to send this form:

s 9(2)(g)(i), s 9(2)(a)

In what capacity are you providing feedback?  
e.g. on behalf of: your company, the company you work for, an industry organisation, a union, a licensed immigration adviser etc.

On behalf of the company that I work for

If you are representing a company or group, what is the name of that group?

KNW Co., Limited

What industry or industries does that group work in?

Fishing Industry

In your company or industry, what are the most common occupations for migrant workers?

Foreign Crew Members

What visa categories are commonly used by those workers?

I.e. resident visa, Essential Skills work visa, Work-to-Residence work visa (under the Talent or Long Term Skill Shortage List categories), Post-Study work visa (open or employer assisted), open work visa

Essential Skills work visa

**Only answer the following questions if you directly employ migrant workers:**

How many migrant workers do you currently employ? (Refer to the visa categories in the question above)

70

Have you supported an Essential Skills visa application for any of these workers?

Yes

## Using wage or salary information to help determine skill level and access to Essential Skills migrants

*Proposal 1: Introduction of remuneration thresholds to determine skill levels and associated visa conditions for Essential Skills visas*

Consider the proposal of aligning the remuneration thresholds for the Essential Skills visa with the remuneration thresholds for the Skilled Migrant Category.

What impacts or implications do you foresee from defining lower-, mid- and higher-skilled Essential Skills migrants in this way?

Give details of the occupations or sectors and wage or salary levels you are thinking of

At the proposed remuneration thresholds, there should not be impacts or implications on our business.

## Reinforcing the temporary nature of the Essential Skills visa and managing the settlement expectations of temporary migrants

*Proposal 2a: Introduction of a maximum duration for lower-skilled Essential Skills migrants*

Consider the option of a three years for a maximum duration for lower-skilled Essential Skills visas.

What impacts or implications do you foresee from the proposed maximum duration for lower-skilled Essential Skills visa holders?

Give details of the occupations and industries you are thinking of.

Because this proposal is in relation to the lower-skilled Essential Skills visas and proposed remuneration levels, we do not envision any impact or implications.

*Proposal 2b: Introduction of stand down period for lower-skilled Essential Skills migrants*

Consider the option for a year-long stand down period following the maximum duration for lower-skilled Essential Skills visas.

What impacts or implications do you foresee from these proposed changes?

Give details of the occupations and industries you are thinking of.

Because this proposal in relation to the lower-skilled Essential Skills visas and proposed remuneration levels, we do not envision any impact or implications

*Proposal 3: Require the partners of lower-skilled Essential Skills visa holders to meet the requirements for a visa in their own right*

Consider the proposal to require the partners of lower-skilled Essential Skills visa holders to meet the requirements for a visa in their own right.

What impacts or implications do you foresee from these proposed changes?

Give details of the occupations and industries you are thinking of.

Because this proposal in relation to the lower-skilled Essential Skills visas and proposed remuneration levels, we do not envision any impact or implications

*Proposal 4: Require the children of lower-skilled Essential Skills visa holders to meet the requirements for a visa in their own right*

Consider the proposal to require the children of lower-skilled Essential Skills visa holders to meet the requirements for a visa in their own right.

What impacts or implications do you foresee from these proposed changes?

Give details of the occupations and industries you are thinking of.

Because this proposal in relation to the lower-skilled Essential Skills visas and proposed remuneration levels, we do not envision any impact or implications

## Reinforce that Essential Skills visas should only be granted for the period for which the employment is offered

*Proposal 5: Make it explicit how the 'period of employment' condition applies to seasonal work*

Consider the option to reinforce that Essential Skills visas for seasonal work are only for the length of the season and that the offer of employment must match the length of the season.

What impacts or implications do you foresee from these options?

Give details of the occupations or sectors you think are likely to be affected.

We do not consider our business operations to be seasonal.

Consider the list of seasonal occupations being considered.

Are there any seasonal occupations that should be added or removed from this list? Why?

Seafood workers. Potential implication to the sales of our product.

Consider the list of seasonal occupations being considered.

If you employ seasonal staff, or represent a sector with seasonal staff:

- What are the occupations of the seasonal staff within the sector that you are commenting on?
- For each of the occupations that you have identified, what is the typical period that you require seasonal staff to cover (e.g the peak of the season)?

We do not consider our business operations to be seasonal