

Dear Treasury,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the proposed LAFHA reform.

I am a 29 year old professional working on a Temporary 457 Visa with an Engineering Firm in Melbourne.

When deciding to take up employment in Australia the ability to receive addition benefits through LAFHA was a major factor when making my decision. They fact that this could now be removed brings great concern to myself and others in a similar position and thoughts that my skills may be more valuable elsewhere.

My suggestion would be to scale out the current use of LAFHA to temporary visa holders by not allowing any new temporary visa holder to benefit from the current allowances.

I am also a Member of the Australian Irish Chamber of Commerce, at recent meetings it was discussed and expressed by many members how this caused major distress to many Temporary Visa Holders

I hope in your decisions you greatly consider the concern of those on temporary visas contributing to the economy but have very little the way of other benefits and right.

Kind Regards

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