

Dear Sir / Madam

My name is Mitchell Cox and I am a temporary resident in Australia on a 457 visa and originally from the UK. I understand the changes you have proposed to the LAFHA legislation and although I expect this may reduce the number of foreign workers coming to Australia, I do not necessarily disagree with the changes.

However, prior to the announcement I signed a 12 month rental agreement in Sydney which runs until November 2012 and I have many friends and colleagues in similar situations. I signed this 12 month lease based on receiving LAFHA for the next 12 months and urge you to delay the changes in the legislation until July 2013 to enable people in my situation to reduce our outgoings so we can continue to live in Australia until our visas expire or we become permanent residents.

Without receiving LAFHA until the end of my rental agreement I unfortunately will have to move back to the UK due to insufficient funding.

Therefore I will no longer be able to contribute to the Australian economy.

I hope you take this into consideration during the consultation period.

Kind regards

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