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Planned Immigration that Builds a Stronger Australia

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ISSUES

- The Federal Government has permitted an unprecedented increase in the number of people coming to Australia since 2021.
- The creation of new homes has not kept pace with the demand from new residents.
- Public transport systems, roads, hospitals and schools are overstretched as state and local governments struggle to keep pace with demand for infrastructure and associated services.
- The federal government benefits from the economic growth stimulated by new arrivals and the increased tax revenue, however, state and local governments bear the financial burden of delivery.
- The rate of change has led to concerns about erosion of the culture and values of Australia as a nation.
- For the federal government to develop a 10 year rolling strategic immigration plan in consultation with the states, territories and local governments covering:
 - Planned overall intake numbers
 - Funding agreements to ensure appropriate infrastructure and service delivery (roads, public transport, hospitals, schools, police, etc.)
 - Skills criteria:
 - 1. Points-Based System:** Implement a comprehensive points-based immigration system that evaluates applicants based on their skills, education, work experience, and English proficiency.
 - 2. Priority Occupations:** Regularly update a list of priority occupations to address skills shortages in critical sectors such as healthcare, technology, engineering, and education.
 - 3. Qualification Verification:** Ensure thorough verification of qualifications and work experience to maintain high standards.

SOLUTIONS

Jim and Lachlan will fight:

- For immigration policy aims that ensure only the highest quality individuals, who embody Australian values and can make significant contributions, are welcomed into the country.
- For implementation of a values and integration programme:



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- **Australian Values Test:** Introduce a mandatory values test for all prospective immigrants, assessing their understanding and acceptance of Australian values and laws.
- **Cultural Orientation Programs:** Require participation in cultural orientation programs that educate newcomers about Australian society, history, and values. A thorough and accurate understanding of Australia and its history must be ensured.
- **Language Proficiency:** Mandate English language proficiency as a prerequisite for immigration, with exceptions for refugees and humanitarian entrants.
- For the implementation of a revamped economic contribution and enhancement programme:
 - **Entrepreneur and Investor Visas:** Encourage high-net-worth individuals and entrepreneurs to invest in Australian businesses and create jobs through specialized visa categories.
 - **Job Offer Requirement:** Prioritise...
 - ...applicants with job offers from Australian employers, ensuring they have immediate employment opportunities upon arrival.
 - **Regional Development:** Promote immigration to regional areas by offering incentives and support to immigrants who settle outside major cities.
- For the implementation of upgraded security, support and integration measures:
 - **Security and Screening**
 1. **Enhanced Background Checks:** Implement rigorous background checks and security screenings for all applicants to ensure the safety and security of Australian citizens.
 2. **Health Assessments:** Require comprehensive health assessments to ensure that immigrants do not pose a public health risk and can contribute productively to society.
 - **Support and Integration Services**
 1. **Community Engagement:** Foster community engagement programs that encourage interaction between...



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1. ...immigrants and local communities, promoting mutual understanding and respect.
2. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish mechanisms for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of immigrants' integration and contribution to Australian society, ensuring continuous improvement of the immigration system.

