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Dear Mr Le

Thank you for your correspondence of 12 February 2024 to the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Andrew Giles MP, concerning the Temporary Graduate visa. The Minister appreciates the time you have taken to bring this matter to his attention and has asked that I reply on his behalf.

I note you have written in similar terms to the Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Cyber Security, the Hon Clare O'Neil MP.

I appreciate your concerns regarding the age limitations, which will be imposed on Temporary Graduate visas.

The purpose of this specific reform is to reposition the Temporary Graduate visa as a product for early career professionals who can contribute to the Australian economy over a longer period.

The Australian Government is recalibrating student and graduate visa settings to support both the education sector and Australia's migration needs, and create clearer pathways for students. These changes will help students to have a positive educational experience in Australia and support students with the skills Australia needs to transition to the workforce and help drive economic productivity.

The first key action of the Migration Strategy is building a new temporary skilled migration system to address skills needs and enhance worker mobility. Whilst the Department of Home Affairs is not able to consider individual exemptions for International students over the age of 35 for Temporary Graduate visas, these students may have access to other employment pathways as a part of the visa reforms.

The Department acknowledges that international students who stay in Australia to pursue work opportunities help alleviate national skills shortages and make an ongoing contribution to Australia's communities and way of life. We want students to receive a high quality education in Australia, and to either choose to use their qualifications to join the global workforce or apply the skills we need to a career in Australia.

Should students require further assistance with their immigration matters, they may wish to consider seeking independent advice. Information about who can provide immigration assistance is available at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/who-can-help-with-your-application/overview>.

Thank you for raising this matter with the Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. M. P.', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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