

Health Requirement Review

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Dear Home affairs,

Thank you for reviewing the Australia's visa Significant Cost Threshold (SCT) as part of the investigation of the policy regarding the Migration Health Requirement.

I write this to request a removal or a raised ceiling for the SCT. How can it be that New Zealand have set their threshold at NZ\$81,000 over 5 years when Australia's is AUD\$51,000 over 10 years? As another example, Canada's threshold is CA\$120,285 over 5 years. I feel it would only be fair to bring the Australian policy much more in line with other developed Commonwealth countries like these.

To emphasis my point, I'd like to claim that the migrants who approach residency and citizenship through skilled visa streams are likely the most desirable immigrants Australia could ask for. Educated, hard working, tax paying and with skills that would help fill Australia's skill shortages, both short and long term. Despite this, these people are currently not welcome if they don't meet the very low SCT criteria. Ideally, I would like to see the SCT removed or raised for all visa streams to truly get in line with Australia's anti-discrimination laws.

In the bigger scheme of things, very few people fail the health criteria so I do not believe the cost to accommodate all/some of those individuals would be all that impactful on the government, while being the most important factor in these individuals' desire to make a life in their new home country.

I hope to see these points be considered in your review of the Migration Health Requirements and look forward to the outcome.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Kind regards,
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