

Wairarapa Forestry Services

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Submission for Suite of Proposed changes to the Essential Skills Visa

Proposal 1

The impact that I see in the pay thresholds changing is that if it keeps increasing it makes it less economical for me to have the migrants working for me. Even though they are classed in the lower skill category to me they are very skilled workers and have been employed by me for over 6 years. I am classed as being in the forestry sector but our occupation is silviculture. There is huge demand for skilled workers and I have previously tried to employ locally which has not worked out for various reasons including failure of drug tests. The migrants I employ are great workers and very reliable.

Proposal 2a

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As this migrant is one of my main workers it would also mean that it would impact on my business including loss of income/production and mean that I would have to find another worker to train and replace him.

I would also like to emphasize the importance of migrants to this region – they bring a lot of skill and are hard workers.

2b

The impacts and implications that the one year stand down will have on one of my workers is huge. 9(2)(a)

It would also mean I am possibly one worker down for at least a year provided he can get another visa. 9(2)(a)

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I have included information regarding these sections in other sections

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We are a year round occupation therefore we don't offer seasonal work

Kind regards

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Wairarapa Forestry – Owner Operator