

15th May 2017

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Dear Honorable Minister,

I am writing this as submission to the Proposed Immigration Changes. I have been working as a Halal slaughter men since 1992. From January 2003 I have been in New Zealand doing Halal slaughtering continuously 9(2)(a) 9(2)(a)

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[REDACTED] I am confident the money spent and the taxes I have paid all these years has benefitted hundreds of New Zealanders and contributed to the unemployment benefits, medical, development and research for the country as well.

By the Grace of Almighty Southland Muslim Association was formed in 2008 and a Mosque was established. I feel blessed and humbled to be a foundation member of this southernmost mosque (furthest from Holy city of Makkah) of the world. It has made Muslims of southland easy to get together for prayers. It also gives hundreds of Muslim tourists from all over the world a place to pray when they come to visit Bluff. My contribution to Muslims and others at large is great.

In 2015 when I applied for waiver the Associate Minister Hon Craig Foss had said my daughter will be eligible to sponsor me under the parent category Tier one after three years of the residence but Immigration rules have changed. As you might be aware, how important Halal work is and more importantly to have qualified experience and devoted Muslim doing this job.

Now with these changes coming up it really makes me feel harshly ignored. I feel that I fulfill the requirements for the new policy. I am 50 years old and work 40-45 hours/week for 11 months a year as

Halal Slaughter men. My earnings are approximately 9(2)(a) . I am physically fit and have ongoing work. Have been working continuously since 2003.

With the number of Halal men in South Island some have got residence, some are above 55 years and some do their seasons for 5-7 months and go back to their country.

I hope and feel the submission and information I have given will give me some advantage to be accepted for approval to apply for work to residence. I do not have anything left in my birth country and well settled and feel New Zealand as my country.

Thank You

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