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Dear Dr Flynn

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Despite recurring consultations, reforms, submissions and feedbacks, the plight of IMGs remains unchanged. In the real world they remain largely unemployed or underemployed as taxi drivers, wards men and security guards etc. These highly trained doctors at a great cost, are lost to their homeland and their host country.

I believe that these unfortunate doctors should be assisted in finding a dedicated and duly recognised supervisor to enable them for applying for full registration.

[REDACTED] the devastating hardships these people experience and find it humiliating for an International Medical Graduates to be treated so unfairly in Australia.

"IMGs have long served the Health care system at the time of need. If the healthcare workforce deficit is served, then why carry on the AMC exams. Welcoming other IMGs in the hope of working in Australia is reducing the chances for the existing IMGs who are permanent residents.

One ridiculous idea is that of 19 A and B where the permanent residents and citizens are required to work in the rural areas on a 10 years Moratorium whilst the overseas trained doctors who are on working visa are allowed to work in the comforts of the city. This very fact disadvantages the Australian residents and disrupts the family life to an extent that mothers have to stay for days and even months away from their children as they are working in rural areas with no better schools.

Many IMGs move to Australia seeking better opportunities but all they get is menial and underpaid jobs leading to depression. Most doctors even change their career to non-medicos profession due to the hand to mouth existence .It is very fair to say that the local graduates must be given preference considering they are 'local' but it would be considerate to say that a few slots be allotted to the IMGs who have sustained the Health system at the time of need.

Australia is a developed country with less than 6 percent of unemployment rates but the numbers seems higher when you look closely into this matter.

The question that lingers in everyones mind is 'why are Australia Medical Council still conducting exams if the need for overseas doctors have lessened" ? Is it just the hunger for money or just to put on show demonstrating how hospitable this country can be welcoming foreign nationals ,which is obviously untrue .The junior doctors are robbed of their dignity doing observerships and volunteering to work for free. Many women doctors are subject to sexual harassment as a result of asking favours from doctors for Australian references. There are so many problems but so little help for the IMGs. It is such a burden both financially and mentally to

overcome all these obstacles. As if this wasn't enough, we also have to write IELTS every 2 years which is ludicrous as this means we forget English after 2 years of unemployment.

Another ridiculously managed idea is the 10 year moratorium which is one of the most absurd ideas ever heard of to chuck all the permanent residents to the rural areas and keep the ones working on visa in the cities. How fair is this to the residents of Australia and what advantage does our residency serve if we can't live with our family and forced to move to the areas of need and serve the rural country. How fair is this to 'our' people and what justice is this that we residents don't have a say in this matter. Many IMGs have preferred to stay with the work visa or the temporary visa for the reason that they are allowed to pretty much work anywhere in the metropolitan.

Our request is therefore to provide employment for the existing AMC certificate holders who are permanent residents and citizens of Australia over the foreign graduates who are suddenly appearing and taking over the very few left over vacancies.

I truly believe that when a foreigner leaves/her own country and plans to settle in Australia, they are in search of a better life and Australia as a country should respect and help such people. There is no doubt that Australia is one of the most peaceful countries in the world to live in but also one of the most distressing when it comes to job hunting."

Dr Flynn, I am respectfully urging you to take active interest in addressing these long standing issues. I shall be prepared to discuss it at length should an opportunity of reform arise.

Kind Regards and Best wishes.

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