

FECCA highlights concerns about new temporary sponsored parent visa

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FECCA has made a submission to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, in response to the discussion paper about the introduction of temporary sponsored parent visas.

The proposed new visa will allow overseas parents of Australians to stay in the country for up to five years, and the visa holder may apply to renew their visa for further periods of up to five years at a time.

The newly announced temporary visa for parents provides individuals with a further option when considering migration to Australia to join their children.

“Family migration is important, allowing migrants to maintaining family ties and connection. We are supportive of additional options for family reunion,” said FECCA Chairperson Joe Caputo. “However, it is important that the introduction of the new temporary visa for parents does not result in the removal or reduction of existing parent visas”

FECCA is concerned that a shift away from permanent parent visas to flexible temporary parent visas will leave many individuals without a social safety net and no access to crucial services. This will put pressure on Australian families and individuals who hold temporary parent visas. It could also create a class of migrants who are not supported to settle in Australia, affecting social cohesion. Empowering immigrants and allowing them the resources and tools to participate in Australian society is critical in fostering their economic and social contributions.

FECCA’s submission raises concerns including whether costs associated with the visa will prohibitive for some potential applicants and their families, the requirements for the visa, and the importance of pathways to permanent residence.

You can read FECCA’s submission [here](#).

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