

Optimising PALM scheme domestic (onshore) delivery

Stakeholder Consultation







PALM scheme: the journey so far

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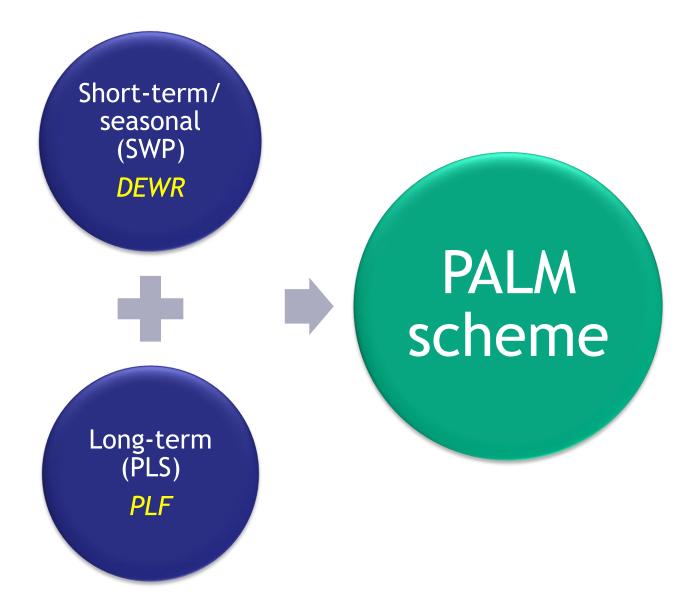
Initial decision to streamline SWP & PLS into PALM scheme <u>April 2022</u>

SWP & PLS aligned under a single PALM visa

July 2022
Responsibility for PALM scheme operations moved to DEWR

November 2022
Decision to transfer of domestic (onshore)
delivery model to
DEWR

The hybrid model



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Why are we undertaking stakeholder consultation?

OPPORTUNITY
TO IMPROVE
THE OVERALL
APPROACH

ENSURE
SETTINGS ARE
BALANCED IN
MEETING USER'S
NEEDS

ENSURE
PROTECTION
OF WORKERS IS
CENTRAL TO
DELIVERY

CONSIDER THE
OPTIMAL
MODEL FOR
ONSHORE
DELIVERY

What are we looking at in this consultation?

The image below reflects the process for PALM scheme Approved Employers and workers

- Top row outlines the process for Approved Employers, the bottom row is for workers
- Green tabs are <u>DOMESTIC</u> and in scope
- **Grey tabs** are <u>INTERNATIONAL</u> and out of scope

Selection **Arrivals and Placement** Pre – departure Post placement Arrival briefing Becoming a PALM Recruitment of Departure report **Approved Employer** Workers Commence employment Worker support Worker eligibility Pre-departure Post-placement Program Assurance briefing de-brief assessment

Questions for discussions

- 1. Which functions have improved and are working well?
- 2. Which functions need to be improved and how?
- 3. Are there gaps and emerging risks?
- 4. What are the priorities to optimise the domestic delivery of the PALM scheme?
- 5. For stakeholders engaged in both the short-term and long-term components—are there functions that deliver better outcomes and should be preferred practice?
- 6. What aspects of the regional presence model meet the needs of stakeholders in regional Australia?
- 7. Feedback, past learnings from past and current operating arrangements?
- 8. What functions would you want in the PALM IT platform?
- 9. What else could reduce risks to workers, manage exploitation, provide equal opportunities, and improve pay and conditions?
- 10. What aspects of cultural competency and community engagement should inform the future design of PALM delivery model?

What is delivered by the PLF for both short and long term

Assessing and onboarding new Approved Employers

Economic and social research - on pacific labour mobility

Repatriation assistance for workers

Development I of activities to improve cultural competency

Support to Country Liaison Officers

Promoting worker diversity and inclusion

Communication and stakeholder management

PALM scheme Support Service phone line and mailbox (24/7)

Management of serious critical incidents

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Discussion and feedback



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Feedback closing date

Stakeholders are invited to provide feedback to this discussion paper.

An online response form will be distributed to stakeholders. Written submissions will also be accepted via palmconsultations@dewr.gov.au

This discussion paper will be open for responses until 5pm AEDT Friday 13 January 2023.

