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Dear Ms Rosol,

Thank you for your constituent question regarding the progress of Tasmania's proposed Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA), raised on behalf of your constituent Ms Archana Brammall.

I acknowledge the concerns raised by Ms Brammall and understand the uncertainty that delays in finalising the agreement are creating for her business and many other Tasmanian employers.

My office has been working closely with Ms Brammall on this matter, and I appreciate the significant effort she has made to attract and retain skilled workers in her business, as well as her broader contribution to Tasmania's migrant community.

The Tasmanian Government formally submitted its DAMA proposal to the Commonwealth Government in June 2026, following extensive consultation with industry to ensure the agreement reflects Tasmania's workforce needs.

I am advised the proposal has since progressed to the office of the Commonwealth Assistant Minister for Immigration, the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP. While the Commonwealth's formal assessment has not yet been completed, discussions are continuing regarding the proposed terms of the agreement.

I have personally raised the importance of progressing Tasmania's DAMA on multiple occasions with the Commonwealth Government, including writing to Assistant Minister Thistlethwaite on 24 June and 3 September 2026 to seek progress on the agreement. The Premier also raised Tasmania's migration priorities directly with the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Tony Burke MP, during their meeting on 14 September 2026.

I have since received a response from Assistant Minister Thistlethwaite, dated 8 October 2026, confirming that he has asked the Department of Home Affairs to prioritise consideration of Tasmania's proposed DAMA settings.

While this is a positive development, the agreement is yet to be finalised. I have made clear to the Commonwealth Government the importance of progressing the DAMA Head

Agreement before the end of this year, and my office will continue to pursue this matter as a priority.

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges the important contribution that skilled migrants make to our economy and to life in Tasmania more broadly, and we are supportive of maintaining Tasmania's skilled migration intake.

While the timing of a final agreement ultimately rests with the Commonwealth Government, we remain committed to progressing the DAMA as quickly as possible.

My office will continue to engage directly with Ms Brammall and keep her informed as further information becomes available. While migration is a Federal Government responsibility, we will continue to work with Ms Brammall on a solution for her skilled migrant employees.

Yours faithfully



Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Jobs
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