

Optimising PALM scheme domestic (onshore) delivery

Stakeholder Consultation







PALM scheme: the journey so far

September 2021

Initial decision to streamline SWP & PLS into PALM scheme

<u>April 2022</u> SWP & PLS aligned under a single PALM visa

<u>July 2022</u> Responsibility for PALM scheme operations moved to DEWR November 2022 Decision to transfer of domestic (onshore) delivery model to DEWR

The hybrid model



Why are we undertaking stakeholder consultation?



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

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



Promoting workerdiversity and inclusion

Communication and stakeholder management

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

Management of serious critical incidents

Discussion and feedback



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 <u>palmconsultations@dewr.gov.au</u>

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

