



Position Statement: People in Fresh Produce

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The Australian Fresh Produce Alliance is developing a reliable, productive and diverse workforce as part of the long term sustainable growth of the fresh produce industry.

The Australian Fresh Produce Alliance is committed to:

- the continued development of a permanent local workforce,
- creating opportunities for young people to establish a career in agriculture through skilled and technology driven jobs, allowing them to live and work in their local regional community,
- improving the sector's employment practices and reputation, including through proactively meeting all health and safety, employment, and duty of care requirements and obligations, and
- developing practical solutions to build a workforce for both permanent and harvest requirements.

The Australian Fresh Produce Alliance is seeking:

- Continued development of the Pacific Seasonal Worker program to ensure the integrity of the program and to support the workforce requirements of large employers allowing for the employment of such workers throughout the year.
- An agriculture visa or equivalent to provide experienced horticulture workers with the ability to move to different employers during the peak harvest times for different fresh produce across diverse geographical locations.
- The continuing availability of the Working Holiday Maker Visa to support peak harvest labour requirements in recognition of the importance for growers to be able to achieve optimal harvest outcomes.