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Dear Ms Almond,

Good Day.

I just read from AHPRA website the article about the English language skills standard and I am so delighted that you are open for comments.

I am talking in behalf of my colleagues who are so eager to move and work in Australia because of the positive feedback that we received. There were 5 families from our hospital who recently moved and they are very happy with the decisions that they made fortunately they did registered before the IELTS requirement started that's why within 6 mos they were able to leave England but since then because of difficulty getting the band score of 7 no one can apply for the registration. The comment that we wanted to share with you is (or suggestion?) about the IELTS target score, instead of 7 for all the components why not

put it down to 6 for the applicants who already live in a English speaking country for more than 7 years. You might think that being in the country for that long the applicant should already have the capacity to get the required score but it is really difficult if it is a "classroom" set up plus the anxieties. Also, a certificate/letter from the ward manager can also add up to proof that the applicant has the ability to communicate in English very well.

Thank you for your time in reading my email. We really want to work in Australia for a brighter future and career improvement but the IELTS band score of 7 is holding us back.

God bless.

Respectfully Yours,
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