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The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP  
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Dear Prime Minister *Malcolm*

I understand the Department of Home Affairs plans to outsource visa services to the private sector, putting at risk a significant number of jobs in Hobart and across the country. This is obviously dreadful news for the Department's staff.

I am also deeply concerned about the integrity of Australia's visa system being put at risk, especially given that private companies will rely on increasing levels of automated processing and self-service. I am told the Department plans to privatise even sensitive tasks such as identity checks, character and health assessments.

It is in the public interest that the critical work of protecting Australia's borders is undertaken by Department of Home Affairs staff with expert knowledge and experience. I strongly urge you to rule out privatisation and departmental job cuts.

Yours sincerely

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