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To: [Specialist IMG Pathways Review](#)
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I am writing as the wife of a SIMG who is currently going through this process and has been for over [REDACTED] years,

My husband has had 25 years working in [REDACTED] in the NHS in the UK, and 11 years of those being a consultant [REDACTED] and a member of the [REDACTED]

He is a prime example of the problems which the Kruk report has highlighted.

As a wife and mother I have had to support and watch as he constantly battles with the paperwork and roadblocks placed by [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] board. I feel that this has put an undue strain on my husband and has led to hardship both mentally and financially on us as a family. We have not been accepted into Australia in the way that we thought we would be. Australians believe that they are fair and just, however this system is not fair and just. There is no joined up thinking between what the board has requested and what is achievable. The process has not been transparent and has a large amount of bias, which has felt discriminatory and racist.

The process is placing my husband in a training role, when he has so much to give as a trainer.

We cannot plan for our children or our future with these conditions which are imposed. The humanity of the situation has gone beyond what any family should have to go through. We have worried daily about if we can afford to continue to live here; if we are going to have to arrange to move back into the UK, and if our visa situation will allow us to stay. We constantly discuss our next steps, what is happening and who will be able to help further. Also we are worried if my husband's job will allow him to continue to work as he is at present or if he will be unable to continue his current role. I firmly believe that if the college had been transparent and told us that the time scale was what it is, and if the stipulation of public work was advised on the initial application, then we would not have made the journey here. It is unfair to apply conditions that are not widely known until the money has been paid and the process has started- these need to be advised sooner. Also if the medical profession have no intention of allowing foreign doctors into their system, then this must be made obvious from the outset. Saying it will happen when there seems to be no chance of it ever happening is cruel at best.

I wanted to express how this affects the whole family of an SIMG and my concern for my husband's mental health as well as the stability of my family. There has to be a better way, and treating all non-Australians as second class when the training is widely accepted as equivalent. This cannot be allowed to continue!

I truly hope that no one in the future has to endure what my family and many others like us have had to. And that allowing SIMGs into a system that needs them is allowed in the future.

Your sincerely,

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