

# 1.5 metres apart, but in this together.

## Scott Morrison, Australia cannot leave migrants behind as we face COVID-19.

The historic JobKeeper scheme is designed to keep people connected to their workplaces and to keep communities going in a time of crisis.

Everyone in our community should be able to access real support during a public health emergency.

We need to expand the JobKeeper scheme to ensure the eligibility of all employees in Australia, regardless of their visa status or how long they've been working in their current job.

Australian politicians say they are proud of our multicultural nation. These words must mean something.

We cannot say we are proud of our cultural diversity if we leave people behind in times of peril. Without a safety net, many migrants who contribute to our society will be trapped in Australia and living in poverty. This is wrong. It will also make it harder for Australia to recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

That's why we are calling on Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the National Cabinet to show leadership and include all migrant workers as part of the JobKeeper scheme.



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