

THE COALITION GOVERNMENT | BUDGET 2017

Damian Drum MP and the Coalition Government are securing economic growth for more and better paying jobs.



THE NATIONALS *for Regional Australia*



THE RIGHT CHOICES – SECURING BETTER DAYS AHEAD

Australian Jobs, Australian Skills

Immigration plays a significant role in driving our economic growth but it must serve the national interest.

The Coalition Government is taking action to safeguard Australian jobs and make sure that Australians have the necessary training and skills to be job-ready. We have abolished 457 visas to protect Australian jobs and are replacing the scheme with a new program more suited to our economic needs.

The Coalition Government will introduce a new foreign worker levy for certain temporary and permanent work visas.

The funds raised from this levy will go to a new Skilling Australians Fund to give permanent funding for skills training, rather than rely on short-term funding. When matched with State and Territory funding, it will support up to 300,000 apprentices, trainees, pre-apprentices and higher level skilled Australians.

We are also continuing to back small businesses that employ millions of hardworking Australians by extending the \$20,000 instant asset write-off for another year.

The Right Choices to Secure Australia

Our first duty as a Government is to protect and keep Australians safe. By investing in the largest build-up of our defence capability in a peacetime setting, we're helping companies transition to the high-end manufacturing work of the defence industry.

We are delivering on the Future Submarines Program and our naval shipbuilding programmes alone will create 5000 new Australian jobs and support 25,000 jobs in total.

The Right Choices to Build Australia

- Hardworking Australians will benefit from the infrastructure we are building for Australia:
- A ten-year, \$70 billion infrastructure plan to build railways, roads and runways.
- A \$10 billion National Rail Programme to connect cities, regions and jobs.
- A Regional Growth Fund to build infrastructure outside the big cities.



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