

## **BUSINESS MIGRATION**

### **Australia - A Great Place to Do Business!**

Do you know someone in one or more of the following categories?

- Are they interested in migrating to Australia?
- Are they an owner or part owner of a business?
- Are they a senior executive employee of a major business?
- Are they an Investor or Businessperson willing to make a substantial Investment in Australia?
- Are they a high calibre businessperson with exceptional experience?

Australia is one of the most livable countries in the world. It offers a stable political environment, high standard of living, and offers businesses the opportunity to compete in a fair open market economy.

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) has proactively taken the approach of encouraging successful business people, who wish to develop new or existing businesses, to settle permanently in Australia. DIMIA has targeted this area by offering a range of Business Skills visa classes that provide the businessperson an avenue to permanent residence.

DIMIA, on the 1 March 2003, introduced a new two-stage process whereby Business Migrants are granted a Business Skills (Provisional) visa for four years and, after establishing the requisite level of business or maintaining their eligible investment, are eligible to make an application for a Business Skills (Permanent Residence) visa.

The Queensland Government has also decided to attract Business Migrants by establishing a Skilled Migration Unit to manage the sponsorship of prospective business migrants at both the provisional and permanent resident visa stages.

We can assist and prepare applications. If you, or your contact, is seriously considering migrating, it is worth employing the skills of professional Registered Migration Agent. If you want your situation professionally assessed please contact David O'Brien at the Davies Knox Maynards (Migration Section), Upper Mt Gravatt Office.