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SydWest congratulates the Australian Government's commitment to long term temporary visa holders and pathway to permanency

SydWest Multicultural Services congratulates the Australian Government on its announcement that now allows people on Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEV) to apply for permanent residency under subclass 851 Resolution of Status Visa effective from February 14, 2023. SydWest recognises that for these 19,000 eligible people currently on temporary protection visas now have new pathways to secure permanent residency, providing a significant sense of stability and security into the future.

'We know that long term TPV holders live in a state of constant uncertainty, even if they are working and paying taxes because they're not eligible to access services, such as Centrelink, NDIS or even our Settlement Services,' said Elfa Moraitakis, CEO of SydWest Multicultural Services.

This latest announcement by the Australian Government will mean that more refugees and migrants will be able to access services, receive the supports they need and truly become integrated into Australian society without fear of deportation.

'We look forward to being able to assist them to access services previously unavailable to them, as well as help their sponsored family members to successfully settle into Australia,' Elfa continued.

For many refugees on permanent visas, this announcement by the Australian Government restoring family reunion pathways will have a significant impact on many, reuniting thousands of families with their loved ones.

For more information on the Resolution of Status (RoS) Visa, visit the [Department of Home Affairs' website](#).

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