



Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commission

18 August 2023

Hon Andrew Little
Minister of Immigration
Executive Wing
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter received yesterday, 17 August 2023, in relation to concerns about the operation of the Accredited Employer Work Visa (AEWV) scheme by Immigration New Zealand.

You have asked me to undertake an independent review of the operation of the AEWV scheme and to provide you with the findings and any recommendations for appropriate next steps. I agree to this and have initiated this process with my officials.

The review will cover the areas you have outlined in your letter and will be carried out by a suitably qualified independent expert. I expect to be able to provide you with advice on the terms of reference, the selection of the reviewer, and an agreed process and timeframes, by Friday 25 August 2023.

Thank you for raising this matter directly with me. I will write back to you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be 'Peter Hughes', written over a large, faint watermark of the New Zealand coat of arms.

Peter Hughes (he/him)
Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Kawa Mataaho
Public Service Commissioner | Head of Service