



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Home Affairs**

**Submission**

For decision  
PDMS Ref. Number: MS23-002374  
Date of Clearance: 20/11/2023

**To** Minister for Home Affairs  
Minister for Cyber Security

**Subject** Seeking amendments to the Migration Regulations 1994 for in response to NZYQ

**Timing** *For consideration by 20 November 2023, as agreed with your office in order to meet the timeframes for a special Federal Executive Council*

**Recommendations**

That you:

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**Minister's Comments**

**Minister for Home Affairs**  
**Minister for Cyber Security**

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Date:...../...../2023

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## Key Issues

1. This submission proposes amendments to the *Migration Regulations 1994* (Migration Regulations) to address matters arising from the High Court's decision in *NZYQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs & Anor* (NZYQ) on 8 November 2023.
2. On 18 November 2023, the *Migration Amendment (Bridging Visa Conditions) Act 2023* (the Act), commenced. This Act introduced the ability to impose stringent BVR conditions, including requirements to wear an electronic monitoring device and abide by a curfew, with criminal offences and mandatory minimum sentences.

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## Background

5. On 8 November 2023, the High Court delivered an ex tempore decision in *NZYQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs & Anor* (NZYQ), and made orders allowing NZYQ's application. The Court declared that NZYQ's detention was unlawful "by reason of there having been and continuing to be no real prospect of removal of the plaintiff from Australia becoming practicable in the reasonably foreseeable future".
6. The release of detainees on the Subclass 070 (Bridging (Removal Pending) visa) (BVR) is occurring following the NZYQ decision. As at Sunday, 20 November 2023 there were 93 detainees released from detention and granted a BVR.

## Consultation – internal/external

7. The following areas were consulted in the development of this submission:
  - Legislation Branch
  - Status Resolution Branch
  - National Removals, ABF
  - Group Manager Legal
  - Australian Government Solicitor

## Consultation – A/g Secretary / ABF Commissioner

8. The A/g Secretary was consulted on the approach outlined in this submission.
9. The ABF Commissioner was not consulted on this approach.

## Client service implications

10. The proposed amendments are intended to further encourage appropriate conduct in the Australian community by BVR holders.

## Risks and Sensitivities

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12. The information contained in this submission is classified and should not be publicly released without the authority of the Department of Home Affairs. In accordance with our long standing practices, should you wish for unclassified media lines to be prepared in relation to this issue please contact the Home Affairs Media Coordination team – media@homeaffairs.gov.au.

## Financial/systems/legal/deregulation/media implications

13. Legislative amendments to the Migration Regulations are required, should you agree to this submission.

## Attachments

### Attachment A

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