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Dear Mr Kennedy and Ms Yuan

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 March 2026 concerning the recent increase in visa application charge for Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa (TGV) applications. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

Australia's well-established reputation for high-quality education, supported by safe communities and vibrant student hubs, continues to make it an attractive destination for international students. In recent years, the Australian Government has implemented several changes to Student and TGV settings to enhance the integrity, quality, and long-term sustainability of these programs. Despite these changes, Australia remains a destination of choice for large numbers of international students and graduates.

Australia's post-study work arrangements for international graduates remain generous when compared with many international counterparts. Holders of a TGV have access to unrestricted work rights, enabling them to use their Australian qualifications to access professional opportunities and progress their careers either in Australia or overseas. There is no requirement for employment to be linked to a specific occupation, nor is employer sponsorship required.

In addition to flexible employment arrangements, TGV's offer a generous period of stay, ranging from 18 months up to six years depending on individual circumstances. Australia also compares favourably internationally by allowing eligible family members to accompany international students and temporary graduates, with associated study and work rights for dependents.

Visa application charges are set by the Government and are periodically reviewed to ensure they remain aligned with broader visa policy considerations and Government policies.

I understand the concerns raised regarding the impact of the increased TGV application charge on international graduates and note your feedback regarding the timing of the changes. The Government will continue to monitor the impact of the changes to the TGV visa application charge, and other Student and TGV visa settings more broadly, on the international education sector. Your feedback has been shared with the relevant area of the Department of Home Affairs for their consideration when developing future changes to TGV settings.

As you may be aware, in addition to the TGV, eligible international graduates may have access to a range of other migration pathways. Information on available visa options can be found on the Department's website at:
<https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely



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