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Migrant Intake into Australia
Productivity Commission

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Dear Stewart,

Please find attached Educational Testing Service's (ETS) submission to the Productivity Commission. We welcome this opportunity to contribute to the public inquiry into the intake of temporary and permanent entrants into Australia.

As an NFP organisation behind the *TOEFL iBT*[®] test, the global test of English language proficiency, we believe that appropriate English-language policy settings determine the effectiveness of Australia's global standing.

We strongly support effective English-language proficiency requirements, given the clear impact of good communication skills on migrants' ability to integrate and achieve economic success.

Our submission provides the history of Australia's English-language testing legislative decisions and offers context for the Commission's discussion of English-language requirements and standards.

We also include some recommendations aimed at helping Australia to maintain and improve its competitive offering in international education, and help Australian businesses to better harness the global talent pool.

I look forward to appearing at the Commission's Canberra public hearing on the 15th of December. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the information in our submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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