



SLAVERY OR SALVATION?

Unskilled Labour Migration into Queensland

The immigration of unskilled workers into Queensland has a stormy history and remains a controversial issue today. Unmet labour demand, especially in the horticulture industry, means that jobs are often filled by working holiday makers or by illegal foreign workers who often work in poor conditions and do not receive adequate pay and other benefits.

The Australian Government recently changed the course of immigration policy with the introduction of the Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme (PSWPS). It allows unskilled workers from selected Pacific Islands to work in the Australian horticulture industry. Some critics have likened the PSWPS to a modern form of slavery. Others argue that the scheme has the potential to eliminate the need to employ illegal workers and prevent labour trafficking.

Join UQ's Human Trafficking Working Group in exploring the past, present, and future of unskilled labour migration in Queensland.

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