



# Seasonal Worker Program: demand-side constraints and suggested reforms

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## Speakers

### Axel van Trotsenburg

Vice President, East Asia and Pacific  
The World Bank

### Jesse Doyle

Labour Migration Specialist  
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### Professor Stephen Howes

Director  
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The Seasonal Worker Program (SWP) was established in 2008, initially as a pilot, then in 2012 as a permanent program, to help meet the labour needs in Australia's horticultural sector and to provide labour mobility opportunities to Pacific islanders. Despite continuing growth, the SWP remains small in comparison both to the overall number of workers operating in the sectors it covers and to New Zealand's equivalent Recognised Seasonal Employer Scheme. For the SWP, the binding constraint remains low employer demand.

Why aren't more employers demanding SWP workers? And what reforms would increase employer demand? **Jesse Doyle** from the World Bank and **Stephen Howes** from ANU will present findings from a joint World Bank-ANU survey undertaken in 2014 of employers and industry associations across the Australian horticulture industry, followed by a panel discussion with stakeholders involved with seasonal migration. **Mr Axel van Trotsenburg**, World Bank Vice President for East Asia and Pacific, will chair this public forum.

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