



## **Temporary Migrants in the Australian Agriculture Industry: Korean Working Holiday Makers and Pacific Island Seasonal Workers**

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In the past decade or more, Australian immigration policy has changed dramatically from a primarily settler immigration policy to one where each year 700,000 temporary migrants enter compared to 200,000 permanent migrants. In recent decades an increasing number of these temporary immigrants have lived and worked in regional and rural Australia, particularly in seasonal jobs in the agriculture industry. After sketching the characteristics of contemporary temporary immigration in Australia, this paper looks at two cohorts of temporary immigrants in the bush: the relatively large and established Working Holiday Makers Program and the small and recent Pacific Island Seasonal Workers Program. Specifically it reports on fieldwork with Korean Working Holiday Makers who arrive in and leave from Sydney and fieldwork with Pacific Islanders who were part of the trial group of seasonal agricultural workers. The paper explores their pathways to Australia and their experiences at work and in the communities where they temporarily live. This research is central to a better understanding of the economic and social impact of these new temporary immigrants in the Australian bush and on the perceptions and experiences of these new temporary immigrants themselves.