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**FULL NAME:**

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## 1 WHERE DO YOU WORK AND WHAT DO YOU DO?

I work as a rostering officer with Possability - a not for profit organisation. I also work as a local engagement officer at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

## 2 PLEASE DESCRIBE THE REASONS AND PROCESS YOU WENT THROUGH IN CHOOSING TO MOVE TO NORTHERN TASMANIA

As a newly married couple in 2017, my wife and I decided to explore and travel the world, so we started making research as to where to go. We have some of our family members in Canada, but due to the extremely cold weather and my wife's health status, we ruled out that option. In 2019, we were nominated by the by the Tasmanian Government to apply for a Regional Sponsored Skilled visa. This marked the beginning of our sojourn in the Island of Tasmania. With several research and consultations, we decided to move to Launceston, Tasmania in July 2019, and that's where we've lived since we arrived in Australia.

## 3 HOW ARE YOU DEALING WITH THE LIFE YOU LEFT BEHIND? (FAMILY AND FRIENDS)

It is often said, that there is no place like home, but we feel totally at home. The warm and friendly people we met here make us feel at home. Some volunteered to show us around the city, took us on house inspection and even when we need to buy our first car. They made themselves readily available to us as if we've known them for years. We also have access to our local food and groceries at the Wholesome Supermarket at Mowbray. Everything we need is just around us, so we feel like home. The Nigerian Community in Northern Tasmania is very large, and we get together from time to time to enjoy wholesome activities- playing soccer, partying etc.



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## HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LIVING HERE?

Living here is a pleasure. There are so many memorable places to visit, tour and drive around. The community is peaceful and calm, no rush, no traffic. People are willing and ready to help, everyone being his/her brother's keep, looking after one another. In Northern Tasmania, we are nothing but just a big lovely family.

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## DID YOU FIND THE COMMUNITY WELCOMING?

Absolutely. There are so many programs and resources available for skilled migrants, through The MRC, Catholic Care, The Van Diemen Project etc. Individuals were also very helpful in taking us around for house inspection, car inspections, where to get groceries, food stuff, medications etc. The community is very welcoming.

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## WHAT WOULD YOUR ADVICE BE TO ANYONE THINKING OF MOVING TO NORTHERN TASMANIA?

Why wait? There is no better time to move than now. I am a follower of a group on Facebook, called, "That's it! I'm moving to Tassie. It is very exciting to see people share photos of beautiful places around our community, and how much they love and enjoy living in Northern Tasmania.

Since Covid hit, many people have also considered moving to Northern Tasmania. Government's response and management of this pandemic is very commendable, and we have been very lucky not to have been locked down like many other Mainland states. This is another reason why we are experiencing such increase. I hope we will all keep doing the right thing as we've always done by making sure we check in wherever we visit, keep our distance, and follow all other protocols put in place by the Public Health.



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## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING OR PLACE TO DO OR VISIT IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

Driving around. It's never boring, you never get over it.

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## ARE YOU HAPPY TO SHARE PHOTOS OF YOU EITHER AT WORK OR HAVING FUN (FEEL FREE TO INC. FAMILY & FRIENDS) ?

Sure.

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## WHAT COULD HAVE MADE YOUR SETTLEMENT JOURNEY BETTER OR FASTER?

Inclusiveness- most employers and recruiters still don't know so much about skilled migrants.



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