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KAP: COLES “UN-AUSTRALIAN” FOR PART IN 457 VISA PROGRAM

KAP President Shane Paulger has slammed retail giant Coles and its promotion of the 457 visa program on its website which he has described as “un-Australian.”

The page on the Coles website named ‘Join us Down Under’ is a means for overseas workers to apply for jobs currently unfilled in local Coles supermarkets.

The website states that “if you don’t currently have a Visa to work in Australia, Coles may provide this sponsorship for successful candidates and their families. This process typically takes 4-8 weeks.”

“The KAP will not tolerate this sort of multinational profiteering when it’s hard enough for Australians to get a job, especially our school leavers,” said Mr Paulger.

“If Coles wants workers then they can look no further than their local suburbs which are teeming with unemployed workers desperate for a chance at a job.

“To import 457 visa workers like this is not fair dinkum and is not the Australian way,” said the KAP President.

The 457 visa program has seen a lot of controversy due to the amount of jobs involved that many Australian believe don’t need to be outsourced.

In Federal MP Bob Katter’s electorate of Kennedy there is a youth unemployment rate of 15% and Mr Katter has consistently criticised the country’s immigration policies due to the fact that many school leavers are left disadvantaged as there are not enough jobs to go around.

The KAP is vehemently opposed to any programs or companies that aim to take jobs from Australians and give them to foreign workers.

“The party continues to fight against these policies as we believe Aussies should be given a fair go and be given the right to work in their own country without being replaced by an overseas worker,” said Mr Paulger.

“It’s just downright un-Australian.”

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Source: <https://www.colescareers.com.au/why-work-with-us/join-us-down-under>