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Labor's record-breaking Big Australia in 2023

The scale of Labor's Big Australia by stealth, which is fuelling inflation, driving up rents, and straining government services, has been revealed by new data released today.

Overseas migration of 518,000 in the 2022-23 financial year has been confirmed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

To achieve this, the Albanese Labor Government has broken more records than Ian Thorpe when it comes to issuing visas. According to answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice, Labor was responsible for a record-breaking Big Australia in 2023:

• 577,295 student visas granted — breaking the old record by 171,553.

• 125,090 Temporary Graduate visas granted — more than double the old record of 54,781.

• 140,934 Covid work visas granted — more than four times the old record of 31,148 (and when there was no pandemic).

• 464,539 Temporary resident visas granted – more than double the old record of 186,148.

Labor's record-breaking year of immigration has Australians struggling with the cost of living and asking the question: where will all these people live?

Labor says they don't want a Big Australia, but under the Albanese Government 900,000 immigrants will arrive over two years and 1.625 million will arrive over five.

It's not right that Labor is more committed to their record migration levels than supporting Australians with cost-of-living pressures, housing shortages and rent hikes.

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