



# Budget 2023-24

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## Permanent Residency and Citizenship Implications of the Love and Thoms High Court Case

The Australian Government will provide a permanent resident visa pathway for individuals affected by the High Court's decision in *Love v Commonwealth; Thoms v Commonwealth* (2020) 270 CLR 152.

The High Court decision raised complex legal questions. Creating this pathway demonstrates the commitment by the government to work beside Indigenous people to identify and deliver longer-term solutions.

A permanent resident visa, once granted, will allow affected individuals to remain in Australia with a possible path to citizenship. The visa will also provide those people access to government entitlements and services.

This measure is led by the Department of Home Affairs. Services Australia has been allocated \$6,000 in the 2023-24 financial year to support this measure. A total of \$37,000 will fund this measure through to the 2026-27 financial year.

This measure is subject to legislation passing.

### **Who this measure affects**

This measure impacts people affected by the *Love and Thoms* High Court case.

### **When this starts and finishes**

The timing of this measure is yet to be announced.