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OPPORTUNITIES IN CANBERRA PROMOTED AT OZ JOBS EXPO

The employment and lifestyle benefits of living in Canberra, Australia's Capital will be on show at the OZ Jobs Expo in Auckland this weekend.

Representatives from the highly successful *Live in Canberra* Program will attend the Oz Jobs Expo on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November and welcome the opportunity to speak to Kiwis who want to find out more about Canberra.

With Australia's lowest unemployment rate and highest average full-time wage, Canberra offers a wide range of opportunities for skilled workers and their families, along with an economy which has consistently out-performed most of Australia's larger states for the past two years.

The rapid growth of Canberra's economy, combined with the skills drain of the Australian resources boom, has contributed to labour shortages across select industries including health, building and construction, engineering, ICT, finance, and education.

Many of these shortages can only be addressed in the short term by attracting more skilled workers from overseas.

Canberra is located in the heart of the prosperous south-east of Australia, just three hours drive from Sydney, two hours from the pristine south coast beaches of New South Wales and two hours from the Snowy Mountains, Australia's largest and best snow fields.

In 2010 the Mercer Worldwide Quality of Living Survey ranked Canberra as the 26th most liveable city from 420 cities globally. Judging criteria included economic stability, infrastructure and transport facilities, crime rates, education, environment, housing, sporting facilities, arts and culture.

Canberra also ranked 21st in the world's top 100 eco-cities, a testament to our clean environment and abundance of green space.

Entry to Australia is easy as the Trans-Tasman Travel Arrangement allows New Zealanders to visit, live and work without the need to apply for any special permits or visas.

The Oz Jobs Expo will be held at ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane, Auckland and is open 10am to 4pm Saturday and 10am to 3pm Sunday. Further information can be found at www.liveincanberra.com.au.

Editors' note: Mr Justin Keevers will be in Auckland from 11 to 13 November and is available for comment on +61 (0) 438 055 787.

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