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Dear Ms Gustin

I have been directed to reply to your letter of 7 September 1983 to the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, concerning Mr Giovanni Fabbris, a visitor to Australia who wishes to remain with resident status.

At the outset, I should point out that the categories of persons temporarily in Australia who may be granted resident status are regulated by the Migration Act 1958. It is unlawful to grant resident status to persons outside the categories listed in the Act.

On the information you have provided, it is not possible to say whether Mr Fabbris would qualify for resident status. It will be necessary for him to lodge a formal application with the Department's Regional Office in Sydney so that it can be examined under the change of status legislation.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Department's Sydney office which will consider an application, taking your representations into account. However, it is only fair to point out that Mr Fabbris should have no expectation that resident status will be granted.

Yours sincerely

for Secretary