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HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Last night and this morning, 60 Minutes and the Nine Papers outlined a series of allegations detailing grotesque abuse of Australia's visa and migration system to facilitate sexual exploitation, human trafficking and other organised crime.

The allegations detailed repulsive and egregious abuses of human rights that have no place in Australia, or any other country.

This morning, we convened an urgent meeting of the heads of the Australian Border Force, Home Affairs, and the Australian Federal Police.

The government's immediate response will focus on the individual elements of the conduct under investigation.

The Albanese Government has no tolerance for the exploitation of migrants. Work is already being progressed on a package of reforms to address migrant worker exploitation following the Jobs and Skills Summit.

The serious problems raised by these reports are a reflection of nine years of neglect of our visa system by the previous government.

There are broader, systemic failures on show here, and these matters need urgent attention.

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