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MASS MIGRATION DRIVES SYDNEY LOCALS TO FLEE

"The unchecked, poorly regulated mass migration programme of the federal government has been driving locals from Sydney to flee as overseas settlers moved in at record numbers," said Dr Kevin You, Senior Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

IPA analysis of net migration flow in the first three full financial years after the pandemic (2023 to 2025 inclusive), under the Albanese government, reveals:

- **Overseas migration contributed to 108 per cent of Sydney's population growth. The number is greater than 100 per cent because overseas arrivals exceeded the number of locals leaving Sydney.**
- **From the financial years 2023 to 2025, some 352,874 overseas migrants settled in Sydney on a net basis, while 113,088 locals left Sydney. And there was an additional 86,157 people added through 'natural increase', which is births minus deaths.**
- **The largest increase to net overseas migration in Sydney occurred in these three areas, which together absorbed some 41 per cent of all net migration to Sydney from 2023-2025:**
 - **Parramatta (including areas such as Parramatta and Merrylands): Total addition of 49,643.**
 - **Inner South-West (including areas such as Bankstown, Hurstville, Rockdale, Riverwood, and Panania): Total addition of 48,358.**
 - **City and Inner South (including areas such as Newtown, Redfern, Darlinghurst, Sydney CBD, Marrickville): Total addition: 47,731.**

"Sydney has been ground zero for the unprecedented post-pandemic mass migration, which has hammered the day-to-day living standards and lived experience of those living in Sydney and its immediate surroundings," said Dr You.

"There must be a significant and immediate cut to immigration in order to restore the living standards of Australians - and to start to fix breakdowns in social cohesion and sectarian divisions and conflict."

Table 1: Components of population change in NSW in the financial years ending 2023 to 2025

New South Wales SA4 Region	Natural increase	Domestic migration	Overseas migration	Population change
Sydney - South West	11,419	7,170	22,565	41,154
Sydney - Blacktown	11,981	3,178	21,347	36,506
Sydney - Parramatta	12,627	-26,377	49,643	35,893
Sydney - Inner South West	9,948	-24,616	48,358	33,690
Sydney - City and Inner South	5,067	-24,281	47,731	28,517
Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury	2,998	9,664	11,118	23,780
Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby	3,390	-14,571	32,224	21,043
Sydney - Outer South West	7,672	2,743	8,726	19,141
Sydney - Inner West	3,922	-13,032	26,755	17,645
Hunter Valley excl Newcastle	3,749	9,219	3,258	16,226
Sydney - Eastern Suburbs	3,537	-17,363	29,988	16,162
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	1,757	4,623	9,122	15,502
Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains	6,474	-442	7,930	13,962
Sydney - Ryde	2,240	-7,079	18,075	13,236
Illawarra	2,513	1,534	8,256	12,303
Sydney - Northern Beaches	2,011	-7,868	14,562	8,705
Sydney - Sutherland	2,263	-263	6,519	8,519
Central Coast	608	49	7,333	7,990
Capital Region	1,298	2,206	3,985	7,489
Mid North Coast	-2,565	7,582	2,264	7,281
Richmond - Tweed	-104	1,301	4,876	6,073
Murray	437	2,492	1,738	4,667
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	-222	1,950	2,467	4,195
New England and North West	1,552	-1,698	3,093	2,947
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	-862	1,414	2,351	2,903
Central West	1,282	-1,231	2,451	2,502
Riverina	1,946	-3,757	3,197	1,386
Far West and Orana	1,484	-1,919	1,444	1,009
New South Wales Total	98,422	-89,372	401,376	410,426
Sydney Only	86,157	-113,088	352,874	325,943

Source: IPA analysis of ABS data

Table 2: Components of population change in the financial years ending 2023 to 2025

Region	Natural increase	Domestic migration	Overseas migration	Population change
Greater Melbourne	86,580	- 28,886	349,476	407,170
Greater Sydney	86,157	- 113,088	352,874	325,943
Greater Perth	35,388	34,130	153,454	222,972
Greater Brisbane	39,939	41,236	130,582	211,757
Rest of Queensland	22,900	40,753	83,449	147,102
Rest of NSW	12,265	23,716	48,502	84,483
Greater Adelaide	9,934	- 7,134	66,917	69,717
Rest of Victoria	8,144	17,853	25,460	51,457
Rest of Western Australia	6,886	6,973	13,617	27,476
The Australian Capital Territory	8,319	- 4,042	19,091	23,368
Greater Darwin	4,069	- 5,092	9,092	8,069
Rest of South Australia	- 1,414	4,552	4,841	7,979
Rest of the Northern Territory	2,289	- 1,798	2,896	3,387
Greater Hobart	1,471	- 6,828	7,473	2,116
Rest of Tasmania	- 302	- 2,345	4,492	1,845
Other Territories	- 7	-	99	92
Total	322,618	-	1,272,315	1,594,933

Source: IPA analysis of ABS data

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