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**Brits to cull Roo visas****By: Paul Mulvey**

A TIME-honoured rite of passage for thousands of young Australians each year could be under threat after Britain yesterday announced a review of the working holiday visa.

Among his radical list of changes to the country's immigration and asylum policies, Home Secretary David Blunkett said Britain would expand the working holiday makers scheme beyond "white Commonwealth" countries in an attempt to include the entire Commonwealth as well as European Union citizens.

Home Office Minister Angela Eagle said the Government would have to cap numbers, which could slash the number of Australians on working holiday visas.

"We will restrict it, but we don't have a number in mind at this precise moment," Mrs Eagle said.

"It's too early to say you needn't bother coming over to work if you're an Aussie. I think most of the places I eat and drink in in London would be empty without Australians working there.

"So you're still welcome, but I can't give you figures yet."

Up to 100,000 Australians aged between 17 and 27 visit Britain under the scheme each year, mixing travel with jobs such as bar work, as nannies and on building sites.

Australians, New Zealanders, South Africans and Canadians make up the majority of applicants granted the two-year working holidaymakers visa, which entitles them to work part time.

The changes may be bad news for backpackers, but offer prospects for skilled workers under the Highly Skilled Migrant Program, which allows Australians and other nationals who qualify under a points scheme to enter Britain to search for work without an arranged job.