

Trump's 'sham' attack

WASHINGTON: Donald Trump has accused the US Department of Justice of orchestrating a "partisan sham" as he faced a trial over comments he made about a writer who accused him of sexual abuse.

E Jean Carroll, a former Elle magazine columnist, was awarded \$7.5m in May after a jury in a civil trial found that Mr Trump sexually abused her in a New York department store in 1996 and lied about it.

Ms Carroll, 79, launched a separate defamation case in 2019 and is now seeking \$15m in damages after Mr Trump, 77, allegedly accused her of lying about the incident, when responding to media questions while he was president.

The Justice Department previously said Mr Trump had immunity, as he made the comments while serving in the Oval Office. It has now reversed its decision, paving the way for a trial in a Manhattan federal court on January 15.

Mr Trump is already involved in several legal fights, including two criminal trials on charges of retaining classified documents and falsifying business records. A spokesman for Mr Trump said the step showed that the justice department was "politically weaponising the justice system".



Beth Topp celebrates Bastille Day at Bistro Guillaume. Picture: Wayne Taylor

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Sam McNeill

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Foreign aid for aged care

Overseas workers to help 'fill gaps'

Jade Gailberger

Workers from Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Nepal are being called on to help fill serious shortages in Victorian aged care homes.

The state's largest family-owned provider, TLC Healthcare, will have access to 400 overseas workers under a new deal that will streamline access to carers on skilled visas.

The aged care industry labour agreement is one of four struck so far nationwide after applications opened in May.

TLC Healthcare, which is now recruiting staff from the three countries, will have access up to 250 temporary skill shortage visas and 150 permanent visas over five years.

Nursing support workers, personal care assistants and carers are among occupations that can be sponsored, after TLC signing an agreement with the nurse's union.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese revealed Australia had its sights on Vietnamese care workers during a visit to Hanoi in June.

TLC CEO Lou Pascuzzi said it wanted to initially recruit 70 qualified international nurses and support workers.

"TLC has even packaged up accommodation support for our international workers, in significant areas of workforce shortage, including Geelong and Northern Victoria," he said, adding the same package was available to local workers moving to those areas.

Immigration Minister Andrew Giles said: "Together with unions and business, the government is ensuring that we get our visa system back on track and older Victorians can age with dignity."

From July 1, the minimum wage for temporary skilled migrants increased from \$53,900 to \$70,000 following recommendations in the government's migration review.

But the minimum annual salary for overseas workers at providers on the new agreement is \$51,222.

Workers will, however, have a two year pathway to permanent residency and there are already reports of people leaving post graduate studies to complete a certificate III in aged care – the minimum qualification required.

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