

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

From: [REDACTED]@nine.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2026 8:47 AM
To: Media
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: **For FMO clearance** [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Extraordinarily helpful as always. Much appreciated. [REDACTED]

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On Mon, 31 Aug 2026 at 5:45 pm, Media <media@dfat.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your enquiry. Please see response below:

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On background (for use in reporting, not for attribution) :

Questions on Australian visas are a matter for Home Affairs. Australia does not facilitate passports for foreign nationals.

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Regards,

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Good morning, is there an update on this query from last week? Much appreciated, [REDACTED]

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On Sun, 30 Aug 2026 at 9:24 am, [REDACTED]@nine.com.au> wrote:

Hi there, would it be possible to get a response to this query? [REDACTED]

On Thu, 27 Aug 2026 at 11:34, [REDACTED]@nine.com.au> wrote:

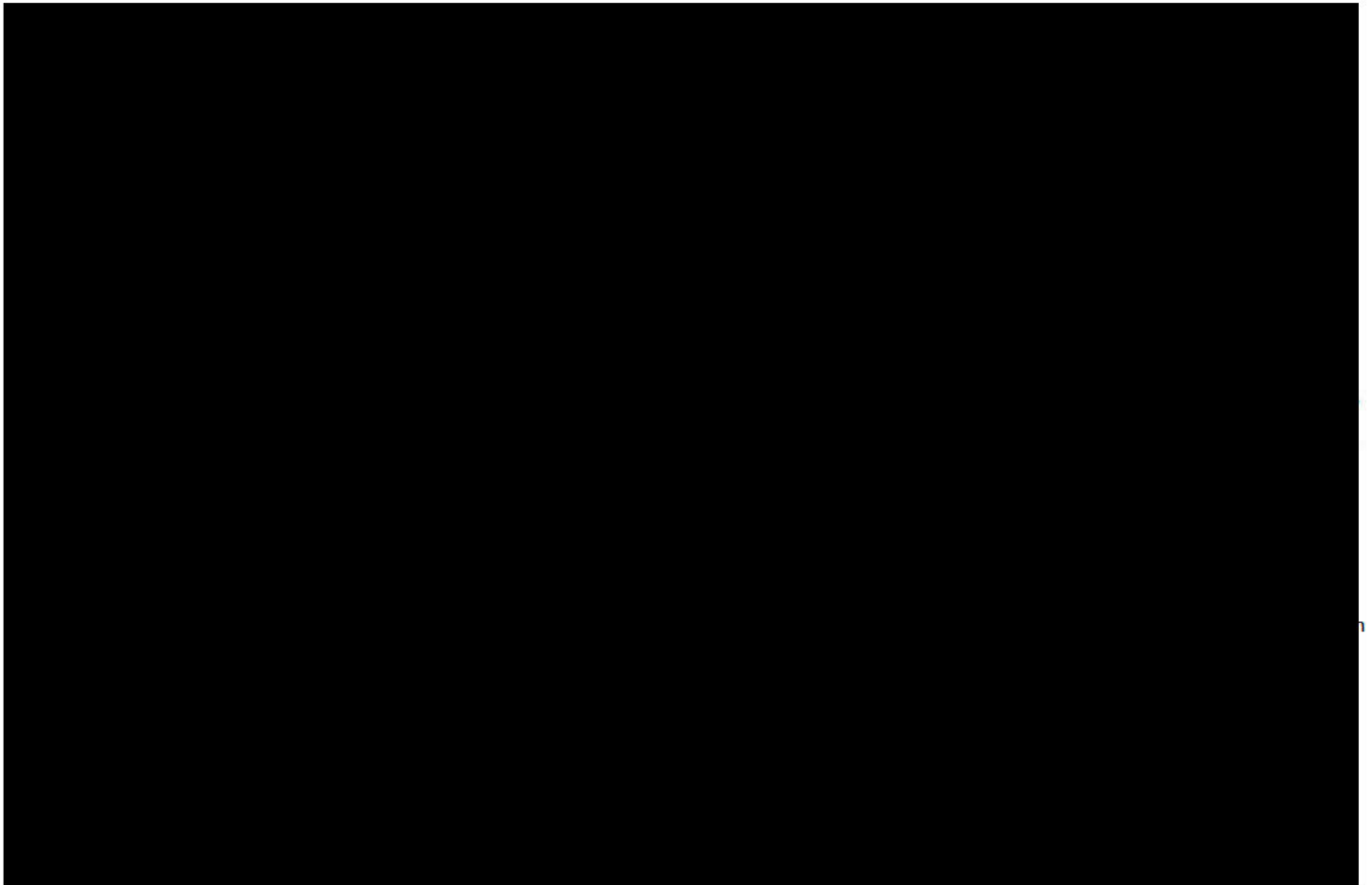
Hi there,

Could you assist me with this query regarding the collapse of Bathla/Universal Property Group? We are told that DFAT officials have been active with people working for these companies in recent days, potentially considering emergency visas to allow workers to return to India because they don't have access to passports or have been working here on tourist visas. We are told this may affect around 200 people who have been working as sub-contractors.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Media

From: Media
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2026 2:49 AM
To: Department of Home Affairs; DEWR - Media; ASIC Media Unit
Cc: Media; Media
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media query -- Bathla collapse

Good morning all,

We've received the below media enquiry regarding the collapse of Bathla/Universal Property Group from [REDACTED]/Nine. I'm not sure whether this falls within our remit, so wanted to check whether anyone else has received this enquiry or is better placed to take the lead on a response.

If so, I'd be grateful if you could let me know.

Regards,
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Media

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2026 8:30 AM
To: Media
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **For s 22(1)(a)(ii) clearance** Media query -- Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks

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We

can advise Home Affairs of our intended response once desk get back to us.

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On background:

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Kind regards,

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Director, Media Liaison Section
 Media and Communications Delivery Branch
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From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 27 August 2026 5:17 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Cc: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Subject: **For s 22(1)(a)(ii) clearance** Media query -- Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Seeking clearance for response to [REDACTED]/Nine regarding Bathla collapse. I have enquired with DEWR, ASIC, and Home Affairs - s 47E(d)

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Regards.
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2026 8:35 AM
To: Media; s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **For FMO clearance** [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi there s 22(1)(a)(ii) this has been cleared.

Many thanks

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From: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au
Cc: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au; Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: **For FMO clearance** [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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MEDIA ENQUIRY FOR CLEARANCE

JOURNALIST: [REDACTED]/AFR

DEADLINE: not specified

POC: s 22(1)(a)(ii), A/G AS IBB, s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Seeking clearance of below media enquiry from [REDACTED]/AFR regarding Bathla Group entering administration and the repercussions for their Indian contractors allegedly working while on tourist visas. MLS will share response with DHA for awareness.

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On background:

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Regards.
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2026 1:21 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: RE: **media enquiry for action -- [REDACTED] /AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)
 Hi

Thank you for the quick return.

MLS will be giving their counterparts a heads-up and we can certainly share with our contacts as well.

Cheers,

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Assistant Director | India Implementation and Outreach Section
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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: RE: **media enquiry for action -- [REDACTED] /AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) proposed response looks fine to me. Will you share with Home Affairs colleagues in Canberra for their viz?

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Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: **media enquiry for action -- [REDACTED] /AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

We received the below media enquiry regarding Bathla/Universal Property Group entering administration and the repercussions for Indian contractors allegedly working while on tourist visas.

We deem the response proposed by MLS is adequate for the time being, s 33(a)(iii)

If you have any views on the response, could you please let us know by COB Canberra time today to meet MLS's deadline.

Many thanks,
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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2026 10:51 AM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: **media enquiry for action -- [REDACTED] /AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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From: "Media" <media@dfat.gov.au>
Date: Monday, 31 August 2026 at 10:36:07 am
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>, "s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au">
Cc: "Emily Hill" <Emily.Hill@dfat.gov.au>, "Media" <media@dfat.gov.au>, "Media" <media@dfat.gov.au>
Subject: **media enquiry for action -- [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning India team,
 We've received the below enquiry from [REDACTED]/AFR regarding the Bathla collapse (please see further background below). s 47E(d)

We propose going back with the following response:

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On background:

Questions on Australian visas are a matter for Home Affairs. Australia does not facilitate passports for foreign nationals.

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Grateful for SES clearance of above clearance by C.O.B. today (Monday 31 August 2026). If you'd like to make further alterations or input please use the below template.

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Many thanks,
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From: Media
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2026 3:58 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: **For clearance: COB today - media enquiry -- [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii), much appreciated!

Regards,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2026 3:32 PM
To: Media <media@dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>
Subject: FW: **For clearance: COB today - media enquiry -- [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi MLS,

We have consulted with post and agree with your proposed response without change or addition.

We have clearance from a/g AS IBB (s 22(1)(a)(ii)) – cc'd.

Many thanks,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Cc: s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>
Subject: **For clearance: COB today - media enquiry -- [REDACTED]/AFR - Bathla collapse [SEC=OFFICIAL]

s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Hi

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s 33(a)(iii)

s 47E(d) We have consulted Post and both agree the response is appropriate:

Response:
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On background:

Questions on Australian visas are a matter for Home Affairs. Australia does not facilitate passports for foreign nationals.
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MLS have confirmed their will give Home Affairs media team a heads-up and we will share without DHA colleagues for visibility.

MLS have asked for our response by **COB today**.

Cheers,
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