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To,

House of Representatives,

Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

Respected Committee Members,

I had lodged my application for visa subclass **189** (skill: Electronics Engineer) on **11ᵗʰ November 2019**. I work in the critical industry (**Sydney Metro** project) full time & I am **onshore** on a bridging visa A.

At that time the waiting period for processing was 5-11 months as per the Immigration website.

It has been **16 months** now and still I have got **No correspondence** from the immigration office.

Every time I call them, they say that someone (Case officer) would be looking at my application, but that hasn't happened yet.

There has been so much **inconsistency in the processing** as some people who lodged their application much later than me have got their visa grants already. Though I have submitted all my related documents, I haven't been contacted by anyone from the Immigration department yet nor have I got the visa grant.

I have paid **$7500** for application fee and around **$500** for medical & police checks (usually expire in 12 months). This kind of service is totally unacceptable for a legitimate applicant like me.

I have heard from many people who are in the same situation as me waiting more than 12 months for their grants without been given any legitimate reasons. Meanwhile many 190 & 186 visa applicants are getting grants within weeks or even days.

This situation combined with me not able to see my family who are overseas due to travel restrictions has **affected my mental health** in a huge way and I am just holding myself for long time.

My question is, why there is **no FIFO** way of processing applications? And why there has been no priority given to onshore applicants with ongoing jobs? Why there is no transparency in the processing status? Why this **discrimination** between different visa subclass & different skills?

I request you to kindly address this issue as soon as possible.

Thank you.