

Dear Officer,

I'm writing to express my thoughts on your Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions].

I came to Melbourne, Australia in 2007 to study for my master degree in management. At the beginning I just took this experience as a chance to explore a kind of life style that was completely different to the one I was having back home. Slowly and gradually I became very much attached to the way of life in Australia, so much so that every thing I have planned for my future is based on the assumption that I would spend the rest of life here in this beautiful continent. So I went to my current immigration lawyer and consult on my immigration application. I was following EVERYTHING the Australian government was asking me to do: to study for at least 2 years in Australia, obtain satisfying IELTS results (with no band lower than 7), and apply with an occupation listed on the SOL. I have been picturing my life being established step by step in Australia ever since I lodged my application to the Immigration Office. I went on a road trip from Townsville, Queensland down to Sydney, NSW, only to find myself falling in love with the amazing nature this continent has to offer! This road trip has been life-changing. Words could no longer describe how much I feel, and could hope for my new life in this country!

I may have seemed very much exaggerating. But I'm being very much open and honest with my love for Australia. I love the nature, the pace of life, the genuine attitude towards human relations, and most importantly, the democracy in this country! I go to parties and national parks with my friends. I cycle around the lake in Albert Park in Melbourne. I go to the aquatic centre to swim. I love to do the window shopping on Chapel Street in Melbourne just because it has basically the coolest and funkiest second-hand shops there. I just love the way of life in Melbourne, in Australia. And I can't bear to think for a second what if I don't get to live here any longer. I can't. Because I have done what the Australian Government has asked me to do so as to get my permanent residency in the country. It is very much not fair, neither humane to tell me that the immigration office will have the power to place a cap on the number of the independent skilled applicants (like me). By then the immigration office will need to select the so-called 'most qualified applicants' out of the total, right? But how can the immigration office be SO CONFIDENT that those successful applicants would be 'most qualified'? Does the office speak to them one by one so as to find out if the life here in Australia is what they really want? Because this is what I really really want. And I am not willing to lose this to those who wouldn't mind the residency. No.

I can't be surer about my wanting and desire to live my life under the bluest sky in Australia! I sincerely believe that the Parliament of Australia would make the best choice for the general population, and I truly hope that I could make myself heard.

Thank you for reading my letter. And thank you for your time. I hope this letter won't die out without making itself seen...

Thank you!