

As an Australian citizen who is very concerned about our country's interest, I would like to express my opinion to against the bill.

As the bill intends to affect existing visa applicants retrospectively, it is extremely unfair and unlawful. This bill was not the policy for those applicants when they applied for an Australian permanent visa, therefore, this bill can be used to prevent the excessive amount of future applicants, but it should never apply to the existing applicants. How could our country allow a retrospective bill to become a law?

The frequent change of immigration policy have generate lots of anxiety and trouble already. The reduced number of enrolled international student and the frequent breakdown of TAFE colleges are giving a alert to us: Rash policy change has seriously affect our educational industry, which is a main contributor of our national revenue. A tight immigration policy might not stop international students' desire and willingness to come to Australia. However, unfair, unreasonable immigration policy, can absolutely affect oversea student's decision of coming to and studying at Australia. How could our government allow our important educational industry to suffer from a recession?

The way how our government handles legislation is a reflection of democracy and fairness. It is easy to imagine how an unreasonable law can bring discredit to Australia's international image. Although the government wishes the immigration program become demand driven, we must admit that the Immigration Program is not a market, it is a regulated program. The Immigration Law gave clear information about the legal pathway of obtaining permanent visa when those people applied for their permanent visa, Australian government shall not let new law to affect people who lodge their application before the date of implementation of such a new law.

Thank you for your time and your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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