Sir,

This mail is against the department of Immigration and the draconian process proceedings of its department along with thousands other applicants who have applied for Migration to Australia. I am an applicant who applied for VISA BQ subclass 138 on **27th August 2007**. **Paid all Visa Charges, did our medicals, IELTS cleared and Police check done.**

The Federal Government is trying to fix a broken system; it is acting in the most unethical way right now by trying to acquire powers and intending to use it retrospectively.

Its like going to a restaurant, being given a menu, made to wait for say hour or 2 then being told that "no you cant have what you ordered, there is not enough ingredients to make what you ordered".

That is just a minor harmless comparison of what is about to unfold, if this bill goes through. The current dilemma faced by Chris Evans is his own making. He openly tries to untangle the link between education and migration, then in education expos overseas he uses PR as bait to bring in overseas students. Is that ethical?

I honestly didn't like seeing dodgy colleges spring up, and dodgy students who have no intention of staying in the profession they were studying for. No one is to blame for this aside from the government, they are in charge of running DIAC and hence they take the blame when things screw up as is the case now.

Fact is, reforming GSM is good, but treating those who already applied with utter contempt is appalling and disgusting to say the least. Even a corrupt third world government wouldn't stoop this low.

As regards the interests of the Australian people well surely those interests are not currently being served by having an immigration minister who seems to change his mind as often as he changes his socks.
And from an outsider looking in it appears that equity and fairness are two words that the minister has "capped and ceased" from his dictionary.

 The Bill is drafted in such vague, wide terms (which vagueness is deliberate) the Minister would be able to use his new powers to cull every single application that he turns out to have an allergy to.

What is worse is that it would not be the Minister who does the deciding. The one who actually decides which applications to cull and which ones to keep might have the wisdom of Solomon or he might be an appalling little

Jobsworth who cannot see beyond the end of his own nose. The Bill would prevent the unfortunate applicant from complaining to the MRT if Jobsworth's judgment is wrong.

If the Minister wants absolute certainty for the Australian Government alone then there is a very simple way to achieve it. HALT the migration program completely for everybody who does not already have a visa application in the system. Then treble all the quotas. That will get rid of the backlog in 12 months. With no future visa applicants to worry about, the Minister will have to put up with the applicants he already has. He'll love them all dearly and will want them all mightily when faced with that scenario and his various allergies will be cured overnight into the bargain.

The New SOL introduced -- Been waiting for almost three years now ... How will the minister decide ?

I am an Education Officer with IELTS cleared and submitted --- **now at this juncture** 5 years of experience in the education officers job. My only brother lives in Melbourne since 2000 and is a senior Bank Manager. Does he/me have the right to join and be family in the Australian constitution.? The **new SOL has a certain similar profile//requirement as an Education Officer tasks as was required before..**. This is my job and this is what I am handling now and am doing since the last 5 years... Would you **cap n cease**
me just because I am a pre September 2007 applicant??? Without giving me an opportunity and assessing my application???

How many of us are genuine and worthy applicants? Who will decide and how will they decide??? Can they at least give us a fair trail... if they think that the requirements were easier then... may be they were for some ... but what about us.....? THREE YEARS.... NO result ... Sorry I am totally bewildered …

 Best Regards

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