

Dear Senates

I am writing to address my opinions on the new Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010.

I have been paying a lot of attention on the immigration policies for the last two years. There are many changes made to the immigration policies without any notification and consideration what so ever. Those changes have put a lot of tension on people who are currently applying or will apply for permanent residents. Now, the latest Visa Capping bill will bring more negative impacts on all applicants' life. I think it is time that I should speak up for myself and the rest of the people who has tried very hard to stay in Australia. I have been out of China for almost 9 years. When I first left home I was only 17 years old. I stayed in New Zealand for about 5 years. During that time, I completed my Diploma degree and my Bachelor degree. In 2007, I arrived at Sydney airport with my future dreams. I finished two Master degrees major in Marketing and Accounting in 3 years in Australia. I am currently holding a TR and going to apply for PR very soon. Just like the rest of the international students, I thought I would get genuine and advanced education, as well as a pathway to stay in Australia with a better life. Unfortunately, the recent policy changing has almost destroyed our plans and dreams. Thousands of students have lost their faith and had to rearrange their study plans based on new policies. It is terrible for those parents who are scarifying their lives in China for the children in Australia.

People love to come to Australia and stay because of its fair government system and friendly environment. However, this new Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 is not that fair to me, more or less it is like winning the lotto tickets. I really cannot understand why when people like me who are applying the right way it is getting harder and harder, but people who use the illegal method or coming in by leaking boats are easily in with no hassle. I was wondering what are the IELTS score and proper documents for them?

Students like me did not take anything from the Australia government but paid full fare for our uni, buses, Medicare and so on. We are working very hard in both school and workplaces. We never depended on social welfare but contribute to this country. There is no denying that the migrants have helped the local economic and social development. I fully understand that all the policies are for the good of Australia's future development, and the over loaded immigrants should be stopped. However, I strongly believe that the new policies should only affect the people who just arrive Australia (for example, after 01/07/2010), not the students who have already spent a lot of time, money and energy in Australia.

Thanking you!

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