

On 26th May 2010 the Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 was introduced into the Parliament by Senator Chris Evans. The legislation according to the bill will fine tune existing laws to provide the Government with a tool for the targeted management of all aspects of the migration program, which in my opinion means that students who already applied for their residency will be targeted with this over powering authority on basis of some specified and selective criteria.

Personally and ethically I believe that all the International students who already filed their applications with the Department of Immigration met the requirements for the residency despite of the classification, specific occupation or may be visa classes or sub classes which didn't even existed at the time. It seems quite unfair that after spending so much time, money and effort to be a part of this society, all the hopes and dreams are being shattered.

Before going ahead with a final verdict, I would just like to emphasize on the life of being a student in Australia. Having a dream and perspiration the students arrive to Australia, to a totally different and diverse environment, away from home where they struggle for almost everything just to survive. Being allowed to work just 20 hours a week and pay 3 times the fees as compared to local students they play an important role in driving country's economy yet paying the taxes to the government. All in the hope that one day they might be able to give this society something back, but now it seems that all this society is offering them is a cold no welcome.

I made this place home and to me it feels like someone is trying to take away my home from me. It's more than a roof, furniture or electronics. It's my home.

I seriously want to request the respected Senate members to consider the bill on humanitarian base and consider the students long and hard effort to be a part of this society and hence providing them with a fair go chance and strongly condemn this bill and oppose it on behalf of all who want to be part of this diverse culture.