

To

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
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Ref: Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions]

Respected Committee Members,

This is with the reference to the new bill referred to the committee. I have finished my studies and applied Permanent Residency (PR) in October 2008. I got good scores but could not find job in my chosen field because the potential employer would ask me if I am Permanent Resident of Australia, but I always thought that once I get residency I will be eligible for the job I am trained for now I am very stressed because of the above bill.

I would like to say that the abovementioned bill is very unfair and would do injustice to the current and former students who have applied for PR and TR. The introduction of the above-mentioned bill shows the complete lack of understanding on the part of Immigration minister and DIAC of the situation and they treat international students as cash-cows. More importantly DIAC always said that when you submit your application, the application is dealt with the rules of the day on which it was submitted so why a U-turn now? Is it not a betrayal of trust on Part of DIAC and the government? The people who have already applied for PR/TR were eligible, when they applied and therefore they must be grant PR/TR at the earliest as they all are waiting for a considerable amount of time (12-18 months or more in some cases).

The introduction of the new bill certainly shows the minister do not know the situation in which the students live and survive here, they struggle, live in groups to save money, skip food, work in graveyard shifts, sometimes become victims of abuse. They do so because they think that after all this hardships they will finish study and become permanent residence of a country which is a true democracy and which will give them opportunity and hope of a bright and better future, but at this time they all feel betrayed by the current government. The bill gives excuse of getting rid of excess of occupations or class of visas such as cooks and hairdressers by capping and ceasing their applications and refunding their money back by regarding the applications, as they were never made! What a joke! Does that mean they were never here at first place? if so kindly the committee recommend to the government to refund all the money the applicant (People) have paid in tuition fees, rents , grocery, transport and other federal charges such as taxes, police clearance, medical etc. if not , then I am sorry to say that the government lacks empathy , compassion and the lack of understanding of basic human rights. It is my belief that if the current minister for migration Hon. Chris Evans was so serious about making changes in the migration system according to demand and not supply then the minister should have taken the steps when he became the minister rather than now, where we will not be seeing him as a minister in 6

months time.

I would like to request to the esteemed committee that we are talking about people and not just the numbers, and the committee therefore show compassion, empathy and understanding and hence reject the bill as it is and advise the government to start thinking logically and practically rather than superficially. If the committee needs further information, I am willing to present myself in front of the committee.

Thank you