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Submission to the Senate Committee Inquiry

Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

Introduction:

I welcome the opportunity to make a submission to this inquiry to the Migration Amendment (Visa capping) Bill 2010. I am an applicant of GSM visa (885). The aim of my submission is to express my concern about the effect of the bill if it is passed. Though it does not guarantee that the power will be exercised, it is unjustifiable to me that the bill motivates international student any more to choose Australia for study and migration.

Reason for not supporting the bill:

1. Though immigration minister said that he would very, very rarely use his new powers to veto skilled migration applications [Source: smh.com.au June 4,2010], an applicant like me whose application has not been processed yet, will always in fear that any time notice could have issued for me to leave Australia within 28 days.

I believe that there are few people who disagree that no person can live in a country with this kind of uncertainty. Currently, My age is 31 and my family is living here. Also I have been living in Australia since 2007. I have tried my best to meet all qualification including study, IELTS, work experience etc. over the two years period. If the bill comes in effect, it could really ruin my life. Anyone could imagine my situation.

2. It was immigration department who is liable to constrain student to take certain subjects that they could study from the Migration Occupations in Demand List (MODL), which represents the job availability across the country for those occupations.

First of all, should I ask why people want to be immigrant in a country like Australia? Obviously, to lead a better life in future. Australia has given them that opportunity to be immigrant on subject to some special conditions. Students, who applied for GSM visas, were worked hard to be qualified and then they applied for permanent residency. But if the rules will change, it will be disaster for thousands of students mentally and financially. I trust that sometimes, financial support is unable to recover the gap, because the period of time a student had spent in Australia, no one can bring it back to them.

3. Students who choose hairdressing or cooking as their profession, can not find a better job if they send back to their country. Those jobs are not prestigious in their country so if the bill passed, it will be miserable to them. The entire period of time would be wastage and they will be tremendously affected in financially.
4. Is it humanitarianism? if a person who lived in Australia for ages, send them off their country within 28 days period? Many students who are waiting for their outcome of application over a year, what happened if they asked to live Australia because the quota has filled up?
5. We are educated and skilled force. We have ability to contribute the society and we are doing so.

Conclusion:

In my opinion, this bill should not be pass, for the reasons discussed above. I am happy to discuss this submission further if Senate Committee requires me to do so.