

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to discuss some of the recent changes being considered by the government about migration capping, firstly although I am an Australian born my parents were born in India and came to this country about 35 years ago. What this country has made my parents achieve is impossible to express in words, Australia without a doubt is the lucky country the land of opportunity. Over the past few years the opportunities given to young people has changed the atmosphere of India as I hear many good things about what young children are achieving in Australia. The visa capping is somewhat helpful however I believe it will do more harm than good, as the consequences for tearing people's dreams has not be emphasized. What I believe is a good way to solve this problem so both ends are happy is cut down migration and allow all the people in Australia that have completed their studies and have completed all the requirements needed for permanent resident (p.r) allow these cases to go through, as no one should be playing with people's life, as I am heavily involved with the Indian community I believe it could make india and Australian's relations very fragile. Making the case of ceasing cases as claiming to have never been made is un Australian as we are a country a fair go.

I have talked to many students and they claim, it would literally destroy their lives and would only lead to suicide. I agree that when they come to Australia they are on studying visas and no promises of p.r are made however once you have lived in a country for many years you naturally want to settle down somewhere familiar and friendly. I hope the Senate considers my letter as I am not benefiting for this bill but I am merely thinking of the consequences it could follow. Many students work hard for their money and have been paying taxes and following the 'rules' and I strongly believe it would be unfair if people have processed their paperwork and in the end the result will be sorry go back home. It is good the government is thinking about the economy but what should be done is make the law starting from people coming into Australia next year and already have the cap outlined and shown to everyone coming into this country that way people will know what they are getting into, I feel quite upset about what this bill is considering and I highly recommend amendments to be made and the Senate to thoroughly investigate this bill before passing this into law. Amendments or disapproval needs to occur for Australia to remain peaceful and a welcoming country if my letter does effect the person reading this please investigate the situation properly before laying down the law.

Kind regards
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