

Dear Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee,

I received information in regards to Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010. The news made me as well as other international students in Australia very shocked.

We have studied for at least 4 years and have spent a lot of effort and money to look for here the freedom which we will never ever have in our country. I do not want to live under my country's government. I am planning to apply PR when I finish my course to live here with the freedom.

You can think how much of my time, efforts and money together with difficulties to struggle with the independent life without my family here to get over all obstacles in the country with different language. The situations make me become stronger and get whatever I have until now.

I have one semester left to graduate with the strong hope to apply for PR and work here then become a part of Australian people. The most disappointing thing is I now throw off every thing by the potential change of skilled migration law. Now I have only one semester left behind, exactly only 3 units left to apply for PR then suddenly the law change. You can imagine how much you would be down and frustrated if you were in my position. Do you think is it fair for us and how the Australian international reputation will be damaged if this change will happen and affect dramatically to Skilled Migrant visa. How the image of an Australia with peace and fairness is.

I think if the Government want to do migration visa capped, it **should not** be done for **Skilled Migrant**. We have studied here and have knowledge with English ability so why the Government terminate the Skilled Migration Program, why don't you keep us as potential workforce for Australia in the future. It will also include the offshore application. It is very obvious these applicants possess knowledge, experience, skills and English ability. They have been waiting patiently for your decision. So how can you can do such an unfair law.

Whereas I know that there are still type of visa allowed people from overseas who do not have any English ability and skills to come here. They come here and what they can do instead of getting the help from Centre Link. If the Government want to do such kind of thing, you should announce before at least 3 years which is for longest study course in Uni for international students. The reason is if there is nothing in Australia except the study, students better stay in homeland and choose to study over there with a programme which is totally similar to America or Australia. The certificate is still recognised internationally. They do not need to come here and spend a lot of time with nothing. If the Government make the change in migration law, especially for Skilled Migration, now or in short period of time in the future, we will think in a way that we are being cheated from Australian Government. It is should be a gap which is long enough as I mentioned above at least 3 years. It is extremely unfair if the Government make a sudden decision which causes the shocking and miserable consequences.

To conclude, the migration law can not terminate the pending visa application for skilled migrant either onshore or offshore and can not change to cancel the skilled migration programme in a short time. I myself can not imagine how my life will be if I have to go back my country then how can I survive over there.