

To whom it may concern,

This Visa Capping Bill is very unfair to existing PR applicants.

Take 885 visa applicants as an example; in order to be eligible to apply, the candidate must meet ALL requirements before lodging the visa application. We have qualification that was recognized by immigration department as a legal pathway of PR, and we fulfilled all the other requirements. It is hard to find excuse to consider our applications as never been made. Although the department has good justifications for such a retrospective policy, the existing applicants simply should not be affected. The reason is simple, the date we lodge our application, we were told that we are qualified for PR. After application was lodged, the government intend to do something else regardless the rules when the application was lodged. Such a policy discredits Australia authority's reputation. Besides, website of DIAC gave all information about how to obtain PR legally, and we followed the instruction. Now the government is trying to use a new policy to retrospectively affect existing applicants to deal with the problem, which is extremely unreasonable and unfair.

It is not applicants fault to get their qualifications disqualified from the new list of occupation on demand; it is not applicants fault to have their applications being delayed indefinitely. Therefore, the Visa Capping Bill is not a good method to deal with the current disorganized immigration programme and is a very unfair law.