

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter regarding to the Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010. I understand that Australia government would like to improve the quality of the migrants and protect the local job market. However, the Bill still has some downsides; it is not fair to those who have lodged their application of permanent residency visa, especially to the onshore applicants who have a stable job.

In my case, my partner and I have been in Australia around 8 years. We attended high school and university here. . We love this country very much. After my partner had one year work experience, we applied General Skill Migration visa. He has been worked in that company since 2008, I graduated from university last year and recently got a job. We have already bought a car, bought our first house here, and already started to settle down.

Although I understand our application might be processed more than two years, we are still waiting patiently. We have made our lives here, love the Australian way of life, pay taxes and enjoy being part of our community. We went to Australia when we were 16 years old, most of our friends are from here, and we have built up our social network.

However, after we heard the Bill, we feel so lost, the Bill raises a great panic and we don't know what to do. In the Bill, it states the visa applications can be terminated base on the class/classes of applicants applying for the visa, which is very ambiguous and unclear, the immigration office cannot just simply neglect the circumstance of the applicants, for example, the onshore applications have job, houses etc. Although there is a compensation that refund the application fee, but it cannot cover what we have put in. We followed the immigration policy, the law when we applied our GSM visa. We went to university study and got a job after we graduated to gain work experience, we spent a lot of time and money on it, but now if the Bill passed, and it might be able to reject applicants who have already contributed to your country, your society. That is unacceptable and unjust.

In addition, the population problem, financial crisis and high unemployment rate have put on pressure to our society and have negative impact on Australia without a doubt. I love Australia and I do care this country too, but by operating Visa Capping Bill to control the job market and the population is unacceptable, the applicants are not the one should be blamed to. The Visa Capping Bill is very unfair and inhuman; in a certain degree, it will also damage the reputation of Australia.

Thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully,