

Respected Sir/Madam,

Like many other applicants of PR, I have waited in Australia for so long time. I am really shocked to hear about this capping bill and I strongly disagree about that.

I understand the reason that the Australian government wants to approve this bill. However I do not think this bill would help the government to solve the problem.

Meanwhile, in my opinion, the Australian's problem is the shortage of skilled employees in the market and the old immigration program did not solve that but 'import' more and more people to this land to share tax payers' money. So, I totally understand why you want to control the number of immigrations.

Yet, it doesn't mean I support this bill because this one is an unfair and faulty system. It's totally unjust to all applicants who have already satisfied the immigration pool and it would bring huge side effects to community.

Firstly, I believe no one would stay here for more than 2 years to wait the visa to be granted if we know this bill first since the cost for staying here is extremely high. Like me and my husband, we spend a lot for living, worked hard here, and finally started our business, bought the cars, prepared to buy the house. Despite these accounting expenses, the opportunity cost for us is quite huge as well. We still remembered how difficult for us to decided stay in Australia without our families (we both are the only child in the family), how difficult for us to refuse so many job invitations in our country during this period, and how difficult for us to start our own business here without any help. If we know the government would cap the visas, we would make a totally opposite decision at the beginning.

In addition, I could not accept the 91AC of the bill. This makes the immigration system like a coin toss game – if you are lucky, then you will get your visa, if you are not, then you have to leave this country. This makes me think I am a product but not a man. The government can return me to my country anytime he wants just like a retailer returns his goods. The 91AC disregards current applicants' contribution and increase the uncertainty of the potential applicants. Once the maximum number was determined, you just can pray to Lord that you got that mercy – no matter how many years you have stayed here, how much you have spend, and the new SOL would not be that important anymore.

Thirdly, this bill would affect Australia economy badly. Take education as an example, in the last few years, the government's revenue was mainly

produced by the income from booming number of international students. However, with tighter general skilled immigration policy was introduced, less overseas students came for study, and more private schools were shut down. In addition, I found that after the first read of the capping bill, I waved good-bye to two persons a day on average. Most of them left because of this tight policy. So I believe, once this bill was approved, Australia's economy would take a terrible beating.

Lastly, it is unfaithful to whole world. From the past few years, every time when the immigration legislation was changed, Australia government always put an exemption, like 'the new system would not affected those have already apply xxx subclass visa'. Therefore, not only the applicants, but their families, their friends, and people around the world believed that the Australia is a constitutional society and government would grant visas as what states in legislation. However, with the introduction of this bill, not only applicants but worldwide is shocked. Media in my country, included newspaper, internet, and radio, debated this bill often, which resulted in credibility of Australia is decreased. Most of people said they would not come or send their children to this unfaithful country.

The number of migrants should be controlled, yet, it should not be controlled in this inhuman way. It is unfair to us who loss our important time to planning the future in your country. It is unfair to us who used to believe the Australia is a constitutional country. It is unfair to us who contribute a lot to the Australia economy. Please consider those side effects and more important, I seriously plead, please consider the stress of our thousands of people who with long and painful waiting. We have really a good faith to Australia government and just expect a fairness treatment.

Best Regards,  
Yours Sincerely,  
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