

3rd June 2010

Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600, Australia

RE: The Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

This mail is regarding the recent bill that was proposed to cap and terminate the existing GSM visas, as though it was never been made. This is a very unfair and ruthless move made against existing GSM visa applicants and an unfair move by the Government against its immigrants.

I had come down to Australia 3 years back to do my Masters and after completing my studies I applied for my Permanent Residency as I was a 'Legitimate Applicant'. I did a 2-years course, did IELTS and got a band score of 7.5, and did all the formalities that were needed to apply for my residency (Got my skills assessed, got police clearance from 2 countries, completed medical exam for me, my wife and child). And all this, including education and living expenses has cost me a lot of money and time and time that has gone can never come back.

In these 3 years, I have completely molded into the Australian community and consider this place to be my home. I am an active member of the church here and have volunteered to my best ability. Having my Bridging visa rejected now and being sent back is something I cannot even imagine.

I whole-heartedly request the Senate to not support this Bill from being implemented. Else it will throw away the hopes and dreams of tens of thousands of individuals and families who have put their life on hold for years and have trusted and waited patiently for the Australian government to grant them their PR.

I would request you to please consider another alternative instead of expelling innocent and law-abiding future Aussies.

Thanking you.
Yours sincerely,