Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the new Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions].

I am a permanent resident of Australia and hoping to be an Australian citizen soon. I want to leave my opinion regarding concerns I have about this bill. I myself came to Australia as an international student and am running a successful business for the last two years.

My concerns are more related to people who have already lodged their permanent residency applications. Some of these people have studied in Australia and have lived in Australia for a long time. During this time they have developed some relationship with Australia and its people. Some of them are already well established and some are even running successful businesses. If this bill passes and eventually becomes a law some of these people who have mingled so much into the Australian way of life might be asked to leave the country. If we do not want to call it unfair it will still make their life very hard if they have to return back to their home country as they have spent a long time, money and effort to try to live in Australia. This will be big news for them as they have already planned their lives in Australia and are well established into the aussie way of life.

I do understand that there are a lot of other factors which the government has to consider before making decisions at the political level. But i also have a view that Australia like all western countries will always need migrants in the future. And I personally believe that instead of looking for migrants from overseas in the near future Australia can offer GSM programs to the people who are already in Australia and have been living here for a number of years as they are more accustomed to life in Australia and are well adapted and understand aussie culture and values better than someone completely new.

This is just an opinion. I understand that the decision making process will take much more than this. I hope the best for Australia as well as people who want to make it their home.

Kind regards