

Dear Sir or Madam:

I, as one of the applicants awaiting a General Skilled Migration visa finalization, deeply feel that the proposed "Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010" is an unfair treatment to the applicants who has submitted their valid applications according to the requirements and policies issued by Department of Immigration. To some extent, the retroactive change in this Visa Capping Bill will have effects of damaging Australia's reputation and the value of justice and fairness, universally recognized internationally and nationally.

I, as an individual, believe that what I am about to express is not an individual case, it represents hundreds of thousands similar cases. As many GSM applicants may have experienced, the lodgment was not as simple as a few clicks on the migration website or sending a few letters to the migration office. There are dedications, sacrifices and years of time going through requirements and policies issued by the Department of Immigration to make the lodgment happen. There are people out there, who have been making all these efforts with the hopes and faith that by lodging the compliant and valid GSM application, their status will be certain and secured, their work, their life will be free from bias towards non-Permanent Resident. By passing this Visa Capping Bill, it ignored and denied all these efforts. All these hopes and faith that people have believed will be wavered. And the uncertainty caused by the Visa Capping Bill will certainly create harms to both sides of the parties; the discounted credibility of the government and undoubtedly, totally defected lives of the applicants as a result of crucial future instability of the right to stay within Australia.

Besides, it is commonly and worldwide viewed that *ex post facto* laws are seen as a violation of the rule of law, when it comes to the retroactivity of law, the government should really consider this thoroughly in order to maintain the fairness and justice, and avoid of being viewed as discredit and irresponsibility.

Yours faithfully