

Dear Sir /Madam,

I am writing this letter to express my strong opposition to the bill of visa capping which is now under review by the senate of Parliament of Australia. I reckon it is not only extremely unfair to those migrants-to-be of Australia, but also will be a sensationally huge shame for Australia, as a nation, which used to be famous for its hospitality and credibility.

As a member in the pipeline who has been expecting my PR case to be processed desperately, I reckon nobody would know my feeling, who has been screwed in this endless waiting and how heartbroken I have been experiencing every time when I heard from online or other channels that the immigration policy have been changing again and again without any prior notice or without any consideration of transitional procedure or buffering time.

July 2008 was the time I lodged my application, by then, I was just graduating from my master degree and, with good faith as well as a great passion, I decided to live and continue my life here in this beloved country, where people are friendly, nice and, most importantly, honest and trustworthy.

However, things have been changed by the so-called “economic downturn”, the immigration measures have become more and more strict and our cases, unfortunately, have been suspended infinitely.

That was the start of my heartbroken and hopeless journey of expecting my PR application to be processed. But, also from then on, the immigration office unfortunately became the most dodgy departments among all other governmental units in Australia.

They started to avoid your enquiries by giving your indefinite answers such as:”Sorry, I couldn’t answer your questions” or “As far as I know, that is what I could tell you. You need wait until you case officer contacts you.” By then, I felt quite puzzled, if the immigration hotline couldn’t even give us a definite answer of “how long it would take have our cases process, then who can?”

Besides, during this almost 2-year suspension, out of my awareness, the immigration department hasn’t stopped, for a single second, thinking how to get rid of the application in the pipeline, despite of how much efforts the applicants have been put in order to have their application lodged. The money they have been spending in organizing all the documents which immigration department has required and the efforts they have been putting to make this whole thing happen and the affection they have been lodging together with the actual paper material.

Regarding to this bill itself, as I have mentioned, it is the most ugly and inhumane bill which immigration department has ever tried to have it approved. The bill itself is ugly because the immigration department is trying to pave the way, in terms of law, to get rid of those poor applicants who have been hanging in the pipeline for several years, while

some of them are even offshore who wouldn't deserve a merit review. It is inhumane because the immigration department wouldn't consider the truth that many onshore applicants, such as me, has already found a full-time job, or/and has found a partner, or/and has bought their own house, or/and has paid tax and burden the responsibility to this nation, or/and has started a whole new life here.

If this bill has been approved, the immigration department would presumably have the full right, up to their free will, to cap any subclass or cease any visa application. To destroy people's peaceful life, to shaken people's dream and faith, to tear up people's happy family and eventually, to turn Australia, a proud, faithful and immigrants-friendly nation into a unloyal, shameful, dishonest, inhumane one in the future. That is the most unwanted scene which nobody in this country or in the world wants to see.

Please listen to the voice from the grassroot. We are here, as the most vulnerable group, in this society and expect Australia to uphold and guard its national spirit: Fair go!