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Good Day,

I just want to share my opinion and on behalf of all the migrants here in Australia about the proposed citizenship improvements recently made by the Government. I do understand that proposed changes being introduced is to secure Australia and make more people adapt to the society. I do agree on some of the improvements made except for some of it. Making English exam as a requirement for Citizenship application and also the 4 Years Permanent visa wait NOT CONSIDERING random visa being taken on the previous years. Many of us struggle while living in Australia to get our PR visa either family related visa, work visa or student visa whatever visa needed on our pathway to permanent residency. Those days, years and hours we've spent here in Australia on random visa we've adapted to the society, learn, respect the country. We've paid taxes, paid higher tuition fees, followed Australian rules and regulations, made ourselves better to be able to be independent in this country and made life better to contribute to the society. I being a student here for several years and dreamed to live here in Australia since I was a kid. I took a chance and study here and I'm telling you being an international student was not that easy to pursue my dreams. I've been to a lot of struggles just to be a resident here in Australia and work hard until to become stable. If you're in our shoes and some of us lived here for 10 years or more on random visa before they got their Permanent resident and have to wait another 4 years for you to be able to apply citizenship. Total years of waiting is 14 years before you could consider yourself as a Australian. Do you think its fair?? Because for me it's not. We've been a law abiding citizen of this country. We're living, following and planning our future here where we called home.

Sincerely,