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Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee

Dear Members of Senate,

I am writing to you in regards to the Migration Amendment visa capping and how it would affect my families life and thousands of others if this law came into action, which we truly believe that our Government is more open minded than to allow this to happen and can foresee the negative effect on national and international level that Australia will have to face in the future. Referring to ageing population, economy disaster, trading partners, enormous decline in international students and the poor image that it would attract worldwide.

I came here 8,5 years ago with my husband and 5,5 years ago we decided that we would like to migrate to Australia.

Name:

Current visa status: 468524-820

Date of Application of PR: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Nominated occupation: Qualified Cook( business)

Money spent on Australian Education during 6, 5 years on Student visa:  
over \$55 000

Visa application and additional costs: \$12 000

Tax paid in the last 8,5 years: over \$80 000

I have been working for Uniting Care Nursing home in Wollahra as a cook until I fell pregnant and since then I had been home with our little girl. We have been contributing to the country's economy with my husbands well established floorsanding company also where he has been working with various Australian businesses, contractors and companies. Both my husband and I have spent our mature-young years here in Australia, the time when people establish themselves for their more mature age for making a family, buying their first home, sending the kids to school, going for holidays, and eventually retiring. We missed out on this in our country, there we would have to start a completely new life. We have no existence, have no work history, super annuation or records of medicare payments and we have no network of friends other than our family.

As I mentioned we had our daughter born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2008. We have raised her here because as all parents we would like her to have a good life with full of opportunities.

We hope that all these efforts, time and financial contribution all taken into consideration and are appreciated. Moreover, we have lodged our visa in the good

faith of the fairness of the Australian legal system and believed that a law that has been announced once, has power .

We have legitimately met the legal requirements for a grant and already have been waiting for the visa for 1,5 years . It is not easy to move forward in life progressively when we do not have a clear outcome on our visa status. We are hoping to stay and raise a family in Australia, continuing the contribution to the country and planning to set up my own business.

As we have a clear intention on our future and already invested so much time, effort, energy and money of setting up my life here, it would have a disastrous effect by all means if these aspirations and hard work would just dissolve from one day to another.

Moreover, the effect of the economy will also be equally catastrophic as we will have a Government who intends to send a message to major trading partners in our region, whose growing economies are insulating Australians from the on-going global economic disasters of the US and European economies, that Australia continue to afford little or no rights to their nationals but have been happy to accept their tuition fees, skills assessment fees, IELTS fees, medical fees, police check fees, migration agent fees and income taxes but will now return their \$2525 visa fee and cancel their visa application and send them home in 28 days. In 30 years from now, when Australia faces it's greatest skills shortage in history and the country will face massive competition for skilled workers from these same countries due from the US , Canada , UK and other major western economies due to declining ageing populations.

Not only is this proposed amendment grossly unfair to those visa applicants already in the system, it has the enormous ability to directly and negatively affect Australia's international reputation for years to come and this is something we also believe Australians in and outside of our industry need to be acutely aware .

Each decisions that we make in life comes with consequences especially if one chooses to deal with the future of a country and their nationals. Someone has to be accountable and take full responsibility. In this scenario, we obviously had no choice but to do our part of the work and pass our future's key into the hands of the Australian Government and the Department of Immigration and trust that they will act fairly and protect my rights as we all know that it is one of Australia's main mission. We hope that it will have a positive outcome and the country can accommodate and welcome those people applied between September 2007 - December 2009 as the new selective law would then apply and as a result, the Immigration process is back on track.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail: .....or on .....the following number

Yours sincerely,

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