

Summary:

I am writing this letter or submission in relation to proposed Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010. I believe these changes should take effect on people who intend to apply for Permanent Residency in future. These amendments should not be considered for people who have already applied for Permanent Residency and are waiting on a decision for their initial immigration application.

I have been living in Australia for past 7 years. I had completed my studies in Information Technology. I did my under graduation and post graduation from two different Australian universities. I applied for Permanent Residency in Jan 2009 and I am still waiting for a decision on my application. I believe these new amendments would not be fair for people who have already applied for Permanent Residency, as they completed the criteria for Permanent Residency at the time of their application. I am one of them; I studied for good 5 and half years to get my qualification. I applied for Permanent Residency because I had good opportunity to get better job and life standards in Australia. My parents have worked hard to pay for my education, so I can get better job and life opportunities. Permanent Residency is a path to grow within Australian culture and provide better life for yourself and your community. At the time of my application for Permanent Residency I was eligible for Permanent Residency by fulfilling the rules and regulation set by Immigration department at that time, there was no reference to future law or criteria which I would had to fulfil in future as well. I believe people who have already applied for Permanent Residency, their application should be consider against the rules and regulation set by the Immigration department at the time of their application. Even in the past Immigration department has been applying new amendments on the new applicants not on the existing applicant. Now by new amendments my application could be terminated without any consideration to amount of time, amount of money and laws I followed at the time of my application. I personally believe it would be highly unreasonable and unfair for me and for others in same situation as I am in. It would be also highly unaustralian because Australia and its people are not unfair with anyone.

Conclusion:

I believe these new amendments should take effect from a particular date on applicants who would apply for Permanent Residency in future or after the date of these amendments come in to the effect. These amendments should not be taken under consideration for people who have already applied for Permanent Residency and are waiting for a decision on their application.