

Dear Minister,

This is in response to the visa cap bill 2010 which is under consideration. I would like to bring forward the situation we are in right now and what consequences the bill can have on our lives. My husband studied Masters Of Information Technology (MIT) and then after the course applied for residency based on 7 bands score in IELTS which proves his proficiency in English language. We had applied in August 2008 and are still in queue as the changes thereafter removed computer professionals (except for specialisation) from SOL, CSL list.

Since he graduated he had qualified for nearly 10 jobs, passed the final interview but then refused jobs because he didn't have residency which we are still awaiting since after graduating in 2008. However he was undeterred by the situation and went ahead to become the office manager in Woolworths and I got a job offer where they considered me on bridging visa due to my skills.

Also, my husband went ahead and started a metal trading company and also manages his metal scrap business. We have a huge friend circle of Australian people and have seen our lives here as we are planning a baby and a property. We left everything back home and arrived here and my husband got qualified with distinctions, higher distinctions in his degree along with his proficiency of English language worked hard, paid huge sums and taking risks came to the stage of establishing his business and looking forward to get residency and deploy his technical skills as well by starting an IT firm.

Today, due to this uncertainty with immigration where most people genuinely applied for residency under the laws applicable at the time when they applied not to mention the financial losses but it takes away the dreams, future security and no place to go.

Imagine, people with babies, having mortgage, running business, doing social service (a lot of people help homeless Aussies through different channels and we are one of them) suddenly realise that their future depends on a "Bill". I think it's unfair specially for people who applied on genuine grounds and then started to plan their life accordingly.

So our sincere requests (all the people who are living day by day praying for an optimistic verdict) is to have a relook and reconsideration into the bill so that the people who applied on genuine grounds are not affected at least if not for humanity sake.

"We all add sugar to the milk, if we go the milk will stay but won't taste the same as it does with sugar"

Regards,

A person who wants to stay and contribute to Australia which has given us a lot.