

Dear Parliament officer

I am a member of Australia PR applicant under GSM 885 immigration scheme.

I lodged my application in Mar. 2009. Until today, it has almost been 15 months. During the last 15 months, I have been struggling to convince myself that my application would be approved soon since the immigration department had promised a 12 month validation period.

I trust Australian government based on my personal experience in Sydney from 2005 to 2009. I strongly believe Australia is an advance country with good credit worldwide. It will not fail to meet their obligations they have promised.

Then I was informed through the immigration website that our application may be delayed since the economic crisis has hit Australia as well. I can totally understand your decisions since as a responsible government, you have protect your residents from losing jobs. I was told that my application would not be approved until the end of 2011. When i heard this message, I have a really mixed feeling. On the one side, I got disappointed, which means i would have&nbs p;to stay for a long time to get my PR. On the other hand, i felt really happy that i have made a wise decision to choose Australia as a target since this is a very generous government for their own people. As a result, I told myself I will wait until the day i can really join Australia community.

Even later, many strict changes are arranged for new applicants. I still hold on my belief that i will get PR eventually. I am also happy to see some transitional arrangements for current students and ready-to-lodge applicants.

Personally, i went back to China PRC, my hometown in 2009 Apr holding 485 working visa. I planned to work in China for 1 year under this 485 visa and come back to wait my 885 result later. Since it is easy for me to find a big company in China holding Australia qualification, I can work for big companies and gather more precious working experience. So i will be more competitive in job market in Australia. However, i got hit last week by the message that capping bills would be introduced to cap or cease certain already lodged applications. I got furious when i heard this message.

I am not a law major, but i think it does not make any sense basically that already lodged application meeting requirements should be stopped and made never lodged. Yes you can create more strict rules to stop more applicants if no more of them are needed, but how can you cease those applications lodged 1-2 years ago?

Many applicants such as me and my girl friend have sacrificed our personal lives and current jobs. We have to delay our plan due to that no results are obtained from immigration department. Hundreds of thousands of applicants suffer similar conditions.

I am writing to this letter to express my views that as one of the already lodged applicants, we can wait but do not allow cap or cease. We can not accept this unfair treatment.

Finally, i still believe Australia will not let us down since you will eventually meet our obligations.

Thanks  
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