

I am writing in ref to 'Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010'

I just came to know about this recent proposal for changes in migration procedures. It came across as a complete disaster to me. I am still not able to come in terms with the fact that some such thing could actually be proposed in Australian legislation.

I am myself a permanent resident of Australia, an Indian national, and I am working in a reputed medical research institute as a radiographer for last 2 years. I immigrated to Australia 2 yrs back for the whole and sole reason that my younger brother was studying here in Sydney. I was studying in US but did not stay there as I didn't have any family there in US and rather made this big decision of coming to Australia only on these grounds that I had my brother here.

He finished his studies in 'Hospitality management' in Aug'2008 and immediately applied for his permanent residency under subclass 886('family sponsored visa.) So from almost last 2 years we have just been waiting for his residency status and now after 2 yrs, we are told that your application status is at stake and it might be just terminated for no reasons, just because Australian government doesn't require certain trades anymore, whereas when these poor fellows filed their applications, their trade was in demand list.

This is absolutely unfair and shocking for candidates who have been thoroughly struggling for so many years, sacrificing so much in making sure they meet Australia's requirements, lodged perfectly good applications and now are left in middle of nowhere with all such things going around.

With all due respect to Australian legislature, I would like to make an appeal that certain considerations should be made in regards to pending visa applications.

The visa policies should be drafted in such a way that applicants don't suffer such turmoils later.

If this proposal of capping the applications goes through, many of us would be left with no option than to leave with our family members we are emotionally dependant on. This is going to very adversely affect the future of many youngsters and also the ppl related to them. All this is going to have a severe impact on our very crucial career making years. It's such a helpless feeling that after all these dedicated services to this civilized nation, our future is not at all being taken into account.

It's a very humble request to the authorities to review all the proposed amendments. I am being very hopeful that all our requests would be considered and given a sincere thought.

Kind Regards.