

I am writing in relation to the Migration Amendment Visa Capping Bill 2010. The changes proposed in this bill are going to be back stabbing to the student community who arrived in Australia for better prospects. The proposed bill is going to punish those who have made huge contribution to Australian Education System. If you look at the huge infrastructure expansion done by some of the universities and look at how much contribution is done by Australian Education System, you would know that Australian universities had no capacity to expand themselves without the help of those hard working students. A young person arriving in Australia would have no clue of how the Australian Labor Demand is going to be in the future; even most experienced economists would struggle to come up with exact numbers. In this scenario, capping the visa classes and returning the application would be a huge blow and if some of the prospective applicants have to return to their home countries, no surprises would come if suicide rates in Australian return student go high in India and other Asian countries.

The visa amendment has been instigated by the politicians as a discussion issue after we have passed thro" the global financial crisis. In fact, Australian Resources and Working Families have saved Australia out of recession. The politicians have created a fear among Austrians that if we grow by 35 million; we would not come out of any recession in the future. By passing this Bill, the overseas students who have borrowed thousands and thousands from their banks overseas would have no where go but to commit suicide and many families will fall apart. A survey needs to be need before passing this Bill with the overseas students as what would they do if they have to go back to their countries. The answer would be straight, there is no way they can pay back to the banks, their properties would be confiscated by banks; families will fall apart and will be destroyed.

I am particularly against family sponsored migration. I have a brother who has finished his studies and now working in his trade occupation for last 3 years. As part of the Bill, it has been proposed to put cap on family sponsored visas which will take away my right to reunite with my brother. As an Australian citizen, I pay taxes and help grow the community and if I do not have my basis right of reuniting with my family, I would prefer to pay taxes in some other country who would give us right to reunite. After so may years neither USA nor Canada have put a cap on family migration. Why Australia, we are only 22 million now? This is against very basic Australian values. Our family have grown thro" lot of stress in last few years to provide him costly education and now if he can't stay and utilize his qualifications in Australia; I do not have any answer of what he and his family would do to support themselves. I could only see very extreme results of the outcome of the proposed Bill.

The Visa capping will further put the employer in a position that sponsored employee would be paid less. Since they are sponsored, the underpaid issues will never become public. The unfair conditions will affect those who really qualify for the job but would not get the job, because cheap employee is available and is tight lipped. I here urge you that by passing this legislation, you will be responsible for the suicides that would fall apart so many families. I know the Asian culture very well and hence not writing this for the sack of expressing my opinion. Australia has always been a welcoming country since World War II and now by passing this Bill, we are going to tell the world that we are not able to cope the need of the anticipated population growth and hence we are taking these steps by sending the educated people to their country to commit suicide and to become the victims of depression.