

Dear Senator Evans,

I am writing to you in regards to the Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill that you are trying to put through the Senate. It was first brought to my attention today by a family friend, someone who is a highly trained individual and brings much needed skills into our country. He also happens to be a permanent resident and has had to work very hard to gain this status within our country.

What am I not understanding is the ongoing discussion of the Australian 'skills shortage' - is a capping of this bill not counter-intuitive to this claim? Does this mean that there really is not a skills shortage? Have you not been telling us the truth?

The fact of the matter is that Australia could do with a lot more of people like my highly skilled, english fluent friend here. Indeed, we could do with a lot more of highly skilled people in general - every day I see Australian born people not paying their taxes and spending most of their time waiting in line at Centrelink, and I still struggle to understand why we want to get rid of someone who is asking to contribute to our society and make our country a better place.

I understand that there are issues of economy and election promises, but I would like to think that we still acknowledge the good sort and want to give them a fair go. My parents came to this country as highly skilled immigrants because they wanted a better life for me. I am now trying to do the same for others - please don't fail me Mr Evans.

Kindest Regards

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