

8 July
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

Subject: Submission

Thankyou for giving us the opportunity of submission on this important matter

The visa capping bill news has already caused a lot of stress for me and my pregnant wife and our whole family. We've planned the family here. I got my state sponsorship which made me confident that now I've met the complete criteria of DIAC to get the Permanent residency. The decision of capping and ceasing will be a trauma.

I am strongly against the visa capping bill 2010, I believe it is extremely unfair and hugely disappointing towards onshore students, to mislead their hopes and expectations. I came to Australia to live and work so that I can open up my own business which I am preparing to open. I invested my funds into education and settlement. I had to sell out everything at back home just to settle down in Australia which is no doubt an expensive country to live for the people like me coming from developing countries.

The huge backlog of applications has been created by the negligence of the department which should not be resolved in such a manner that creates retrospective affects on the applicants. There has to be some alternatives to overcome this problem rather than capping and ceasing which does not make any sense as the occupations in demand were not removed at the time when the department was receiving the application in those occupations such as cook or hairdressers.

I understand that the department is doing everything for the betterment of the migration program and we do encourage this but at the same time I strongly suggest the department should consider the individuals who are already in pipeline and waiting for a long time for a decision.

Yours faithfully,

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