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To Whom It May Concern,

I am totally disgusted at the proposed Visa Capping Bill by the Immigration Minister Senator Chris Evans.

I was born in this country and yet am now not so proud to be an Aussie. I have a Romanian born partner who has applied for his Temporary Visa in July 2008, followed then by a Permanent Visa in September 2008, and he has faced so many obstacles throughout the process. Since he lodged his application the Government has been floundering with its ability to handle the applications, changing rules and conditions, and now it wants to change them yet again!

All of his documents for his applications were submitted accordingly in the proper timeframe, and yet now because the process has taken so long his medical and police checks are out of date. Even when he contacts the Immigration Department he can speak with 3 different people and receive 3 different answers to his same question!

Lodging a complaint with the Ombudsmen was no help because he had to follow it up himself as they had not actioned his complaint, so it was literally sitting there in "cyber space".

Senator Chris Evans needs to realise that these applications are from real people with various backgrounds, and simply stopping certain skill categories is not the answer. If there is a backlog then why continue to accept applications? Why not put a hold on accepting applications until the current ones are actioned individually?

My partner has studied hard to receive his 2 qualifications in Australia, and then for the past couple of years he has also worked just as hard at his profession. He puts many to shame as he actually does have a work ethic, something which is poorly lacking in others. He is exactly the sort of person that Australia needs!

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