

Dear Committee Secretary,

I trust this email finds you well.

I am writing to express my objection to "Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017 and Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017".

The migration agents registration fee is in fact a tax (<http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/cases/cth/HCA/1994/44.html>).

The bill is proposed to exclude lawyers from paying a tax (the registration fee); It would lead to unfair and anti-competitive outcomes; Additionally there would have been considerable loss to commonwealth revenue.

Kind Regards,
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