To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the potential fair-trading issues in Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010. Based on my understanding, the amendment to Migration Act 1958 enables Minister of Immigration and Citizenship (the Minister) to cap visa grants and terminate visa applications based on the class or classes of applicant applying for the visa. I am a GSM visa applicant who successfully lodged my visa application on 17/07/2008 with all the required documents carefully prepared to meet the visa requirements and $2,105 of application fee. At the time of the lodge, I was informed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) that the processing duration of the application would be about 15 months.

From an applicant's perspective of view, I thought it was a fair contract made between DIAC (or say Australian government) and me and most importantly, I have done everything required in the contract. However, now Australian government intend to change the contract entitling the Minister to terminate my application by changing its law without negotiating with the other party of the contract. As the other party of the contract, I feel seriously offended by this potential unfairness made by the amendment. Also, it is unbelievable that, in such a highly commercialised country, how the government could willingly do whatever they want to the contracts they made to overseas bodies by simply emphasising protecting citizens' interest. How about the commercial fame they lose? Did the government ever quantify the loss and compare it with the "interest" they intend to protect?

Please think about it and fairly treat the applicants who lodged their visa applications before the government changed their mind. It was not our fault and we shouldn't take the responsibility of the consequence.

Finally, I reserve all rights to complain about this amendment to any authorities or make a lawsuit against the government.

Best Regards,

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