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The Senate Committee for Immigration

We are registered Immigration Agents in UK/Pakistan and have got quite a few clients who applied for TRA for the skill assessment as a hairdresser and baker. The new SOL doesn't include these occupations anymore and DIAC has stopped taking fresh applications under 175/176/475 from outside Australia. The Minister of Immigration has put forward an amendment bill in the Senate Committee to authorize him to revoke/cancel any application (existing or new) to be considered as never lodged without any right of appeal to Migration Review Tribunal.

Can someone explain/justify this absolutely sheer injustice to the applicants who spent huge amounts on Training, Skill assessments, Courses, Medical Fees and Consultants fees to see their applications being considered as "Never Lodged"? This is going to damage Australia's Immigration System Face, their Justice System, the rule of law, integrity and belief in the overall system. This is absolutely unfair for the people who have waited for years with their applications in the queue for processing and ending up with the applications as never lodged!! Their future depends on these applications and they lodged the application with the surety and laws applicable then. How can a simple bill can take all this away from them and this is totally unjust. It never happens anywhere in the world that the applications are denied due to the change in the country's economic circumstances or change in the government. The applications filed are always considered under the rules/laws applicable at the time of filing and not after what the circumstances are after two years. This is against the basic human right as well.

Please do not allow the bill proposed by the minister as this will have adverse effects on the overall system and Australia itself.

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