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In my opinion this bill **SHOULD NOT** get passed. It is just not the right way to treat the migrants from other countries. People are investing not only the money but their time and hard work also to get some position here not to get thrown out of the country just like this.

This bill will not only affect the life and career of thousands of people but also the reputation of Australia in international market. <u>Australia itself is losing its popularity over the issue of racism and further one more act against the migrants is definitely going to affect it in negative way.</u>

People from other countries are spending so much to support themselves, working hard to meet up the already made rules by the Australian government and if at the end they are getting such results then it is just not fair. It is going to affect the other immigrants also. If the government can be so harsh towards the people who are already staying and struggling here then there will be very few individuals from the different countries who will be willing to come here. Less people will result in less income from them, hence it will a huge financial loss for the government as well.

It is totally inequitable action for the people and their families. I am too a student of physiotherapy in Australia. I am working very hard to achieve something good and work in here. We have left behind our families and all the comforts back in our home country just to be independent and self made persons. If after working so hard we are going to get such results then we will have to regret for our decision of choosing Australia.

In the end I would again emphasise that this act should not be taken into existence because Australian government is already dealing with the racism issue and one more act like this will give boost to racism as only the non-Australian people will be the target of such an awful act. Please do not treat people from other countries as dogs or cows because at the end they are and they will be serving your own country (Australia) which will be helpful in building up its future.

I am thankful that at least you have respected our right to speak by giving us freedom to present our views.

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