

To whom it may concern

I am writing in reference to the Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010.

Not only do I believe that such legislation would be severe and unfair, I also feel it this allows the minister to interfere with people's lives far beyond what is humane.

Applicants have made their submissions in good faith based on the requirements that were placed upon them. It seems terribly unfair to retrospectively change all the rules now, especially in a country where we are proud of giving people a fair go and judging people based on merits not their race or country of origin..

In particular, those people that applied Onshore and met all the requirements of their Visa and currently work full time in Australia (Rural Australia for example where people are needed) and are contributing to Australian society in a meaningful way should not have their applications snagged by this knee jerk reaction and sent home depriving us of important and now established members of our communities.

Such legislation would badly damage the reputation of Australia overseas and discredit any moral standing we may have previously had.

I respectfully urge all Senate Committee members to reject this legislation not only on behalf of the applicants but also on behalf of the people of Australia.

Regards