

04th of June 2010

Senate Committee
Parliament of Australia

Subject: : Applications to be Axed after 1st July 2010

To whom it may concern;

I came from Myanmar (formally known as Burma) to do further study which can give me potential future. Honestly, I applied Hospitality course (Cookery) for residency only. However I started enjoy cooking and want to become a good chef. Luckily, I was employed as a Cook in Child Care Centre for part time & now I am working as a full time Chef . I applied for Temporary resident after I finished the course in 2008 and it took me about a year of wait. Then I applied again to change my status from temporary to permanent in early 2009. Department of Immigration informed us that our applications for skilled migration will be on hold for some time (now more than 1 & ½ years) due to the refugee cases. I cannot do anything but wait. Then I heard that Mr. Chris Evens would like to get authority to axe our application after 1st of July 2010!!

I think this is so unfair to us by axing our applications after we spent thousands of dollars, after we spent our precious time and after we spend our energy & enthusiasm. We felt like we are being treated as dirt and it hurts us physically and especially emotionally.

The job demands for Chef was filled (according to Immigration Report), and I believe it is because of people like us who are working in this Hospitality Industry & waiting for our applications to be granted. I know many of my friends are in same situation like mine. We work very hard and I don't think we do not deserve this sort of cruelty.

So I like to request to reconsider this and spare us a little empathy!!!!

Kind Regards,