

Sir,

I am a hairdresser by profession who has been working extremely hard for as long as I can remember in order to get to stay in Australia as I believe that this is a country of peace and justice, and therefore, I wish to stay here with my family. But the news of the new capping bill has turned my world upside down. Just the mere thought of us getting a 28 day notice brings tears in my eyes.

I love my profession and am absolutely passionate about my work. I can't see myself becoming successful if I go back home as there is no scope of success and financial stability whatsoever which is why I came to Australia in the first place. I used to work as a hairdresser in Pakistan, but then I wanted to do so much more rather than just being a hairdresser who cuts hair just for the sake of cutting it. I studied in Australia for 2 years in order to get my skill recognised as my Pakistani qualification wasn't recognized here. We survived through the phase and I applied to the GSM. I have been so committed in doing what I do that I gained 150 points rather than 120 to apply for the immigration in August 2009 with completing all requirements, IELTS (8 band), Experience as a Hairdresser and successful TRA letter.

It will be absolutely unfair if my application gets rejected just because there are a lot of hairdressing applications pending. I work in a highly reputed salon as a Senior Stylist and Make Up Artist, have got a good clientele, I just can't imagine all of this being destroyed just because of this change in the migration law.

We have a 7 month old baby who was born here, we have so much to look forward to, is it unfair to end all of this so easily without justice? I and my husband have a dream to have our own salon one day, which we really want to fulfil.

It is my sincere request to please look into genuine cases, people who have genuine passion for their skill and are law abiding people who are just not killing time here so that they can get residency. Please consider this case as we have really high hopes.

I highly recommend that people who applied for GSM visa should get chance to prove themselves, whether they are capable enough to get their jobs in same field in Australia. Even after having so many hairdressers in Australia, if I am and many others are able to hold their jobs then I don't see why there is a need to reject the applications of those who are serious in their profession and are making a contribution to the economy of Australia.