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## **Representation against Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010**

Since becoming a nation Australia is respected internationally as a place where all human are treated equally irrespective of their colour, creed, sex, religious beliefs, nationality or cultural background. Australia have a reputation of being culturally diversified country and known as country protecting human rights from over 100 years and so far Australia have protected its reputation very well but now with the introduction of current visa capping bill 2010 our reputation of being fair dinkum is under threat. We have earned goodwill of the world by taking thousands of African /Vietnamese and other refugees, but have we thought how the world will think of us when we put over 147000 family's life on threat? International students who have already given 3-5 years of precious time of their life to Australia hence we have no right to ruin there lives just with one click .They are already killed financially.

On an average it takes around \$60,000.00 (normal 2 years study 25k fee and 36K for living expenses) to complete 2 years study in Australia. Majority of the international students came from middle class families, and most families have put their life time earnings to make carriers of their children. It takes two life times to save \$60000.00 for a middle class family in developing countries, where these students belongs to. Australia with the reputation of being fair, these families have trusted Australia and chosen this country for higher studies for their kids as per prevailing laws at that time. Many families have sold their homes and life time assets to make carriers of their children. Many students came with their families (Mum and dad and kids).They came here with kids and paid huge amount of fee to schools for their kids other than their college fee. They have made decision to come to Australia by trusting the current law at that time, and keeping in mind the reputation of Australia as fair dinkum they never expected that Australia will change the laws to ruin the lives of such a big number of international students in one click.

International students completed their studies here, successfully attained IELTS results, successfully worked in industry for required experience and lawfully lodged their GSM visa applications. They waited more than 3 years because they had trust in the fair go policy of Australia. Now if all of a sudden Australia says good bye, go back to these applicants. How we can justify this? International community will blame Australia as cheater which no Australian citizen wish to be labeled. Students actually sacrificed all the opportunities in their

home country when they took decision to study here and make it their home country and just imagine, now after spending 3-5 years of precious time of their life, and now if they are told to go back, how will they start their carriers back in their home country? How will they get back their jobs which they left to make carrier here? They have emptied there pockets by spending the life time savings of their parents by paying the fee to our local colleges and universities, and now if sent back which college/university will accept them when they have exhausted all their funds ? Majority of International students belong to developing countries which does not have social security system in place. Dear Parliamentarians/senators just put your kids in such a situation and think generously how they will cope up with such a situation? In most countries there is certain age limit to get Government jobs or studying. International students who have given that carrier building years to Australia, now if they are sent back how will they start or build their carriers in their home countries? Many people have left their permanent Government jobs overseas for better carrier in Australia if thrown back they will be left with no option rather then to commit suicide, Many couples came here for new start of lives and many kids born to those couples here. These kids are 3-4 years old now and these kids are our future. They are as much Australian citizen as any other kid born to Australian parents. With this bill we will be kicking out these innocent new born Australians as well for no fault of them.

All the applicants of GSM are professionally qualified and are multi skilled. If some of them not working in their profession, they are working in other jobs up to the satisfaction of their employers. Their criminal history checked, they are medically checked; their English level is tested and found ok in all aspects. They are paying tax to Australian Government, so they are absolutely not a burden on our community or tax payers rather they are putting value to our economy and they are far better then boat people. They are ready work force and if given opportunity, they can work for Australia in any field as they are young with full energy. With the aging population, Australia needs young people and these young people have the ability, what is required to our nation. Currently our unemployment rate is 5.2% which is considered very low in developed countries so that low unemployment rates itself indicates that they are not burden on Australian workforce. Many of these International students have brought pride to Australian community by playing sports in international tournaments by wearing Australian green and gold and in future can bring more and more pride to our beloved country. We understand that handful of students have created troubles for our Government, by creating law and order problems. We being law abiding citizens would support every legal action against those individuals who are trouble makers. Identify those individuals and deport them. Do not punish other law abiding international students for the action of those handful black sheep.

We do not oppose any genuine migration rule changes but this Visa Capping Bill 2010 is unethical and this law should not be applicable with retrospective effect as proposed by the Government. We can understand the concerns of our Government and we know they don't want to put any extra burden on our tax payers.

### **To address those issues here are some suggestions:**

1. Assess and accept the current applications, which have provided genuine documentation and are eligible for GSM visa. Any applications found with dodgy documents just throw them out.
2. As rural Australia needs to be developed, Grant GSM visa and put conditions on visa that they have to work in rural area for 3-4 years.

3. Give an option to qualified GSM applicants to invest \$50000 in business and employ at least 2 Australians and business must earn 20 k profit for 2 years to get PR confirmed just imagine if 20000 applicants choose to take this option and buy businesses to get PR we will have 40000 jobs and Australia will have
4. \$10, 00000000.00 (10 billion) of foreign currency which will definitely add value to our economy and it will grow rapidly.
5. To avoid burden on Australian tax payers put condition of health insurance for 5 years to newly granted GSM visas under this scheme. This way we can avoid burden on tax payers and create jobs in health insurance market.
6. Take a bond or commitment from applicants that no social security will be available for them for 5 years. This will avoid liability of Federal Government.
7. Waive the condition of \$45200 wages for 457 visas seekers, by doing that, more businesses would be in capacity to sponsor GSM visa seekers.
8. Freeze overseas migration in these professions for next 5 years.

It is known fact that Australian labor party is predominantly supported by migrants. Out of 147000 applicants who are waiting decision for their GSM applications more than 50000 have their relatives here who are Australian citizens and those citizens are always been Labor Party voters and supporters . They are genuinely concerned about carriers of their GSM applicant relatives. If Labor Party becomes harsh and throws their relatives out we fear Labor Party will defiantly loose support of 50000 families which mean 100000 votes and even a layman can imagine that 100000 votes are sufficient to overturn any government. If this bill is passed labor would definitely loose the support of 100000 Australians and labor would not be able to get it back for years. We don't think labor can afford it.

We would like you to raise our concerns in parliament before Senate Committee as we have fundamental right to raise our voice through our parliamentarians. We understand that Australia have every right to make laws for betterment of the country but to implement the law retrospectively is not the justice and if we do it we will be answerable to international community. As in case of Aboriginal people Kevin Rudd have apologized in Parliament on behalf of the nation for the doings of our ancestors same way if we pass this bill our future generations have to apologize in future for our wrong doings so it is time now to say no to this capping bill and if it is utmost necessity to pass this bill to control immigration then it should not be implemented retrospectively. Our reputation of being fair dinkum is on risk. It took 100 years to create this reputation and please don't let it to be tarnished in a click. We will be answerable to international community for this ill bill. We are putting lives of more than 100000 families on risk, history will not forgive us and in same way our future generations would feel sorry for our wrong doings.