Inquiry into Australia's skilled migration program Submission 12



I lodged my 189 visa and paid my fee on 21-June-2019. My daughter was born in July 2019 and I requested her addition on 01-Aug-2019. She is now 1½ years old but we haven't heard back from the DoHA. We had stopped our life after lodging our visa and started saving to begin a new life in Australia but it is taking too long.

The wait for my visa grant has also paused my **professional life**. I came across a few good opportunities from very well reputed Pakistani employers but I turned them down because of my visa application. I am not taking any long term decisions.

I have saved AUD 24,000 which I plan to use to buy a car, household items and other initial expenses in Australia. I **cannot invest** them anywhere because of the uncertainty. We might have gone for **another baby** by now but we can't until we land in Australia because it would further complicate our application.

Our elder child has started school, we always thought of it as temporary expecting a visa grant in 5 to 6 months and starting it properly in Australia. We also gathered information from the Pakistani community in Australia about what children learn in the foundation years at school and focused on those areas more as it would help our elder son in the future. We want our **kids to start their Australian education** as soon as possible because it is very different from our home country because we do not want him to struggle at school.

I request the committee to kindly expedite offshore visa grants of on hand PR visa applications to bring ease to everyone's life and let us make Australia our home.

Yours truly,