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RE: The Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

Dear Julie,

Firstly, I would like to write few lines about myself, I am an Australian citizen, I came to Australia in 2004-2005 to complete my third masters – Masters of Information Technology. I have worked with – University of Ballarat, Melbourne Institute of Technology, Navitas College, Webcom technologies USA and with many other prestigious national and International organizations as Senior Lecturer – Information Technology/ Business & Management and as Administrative/ Customer Service/ Student Liaison officer. I have recently started working with a local private college in Victoria as “Training and Compliance Officer” but the management is really happy with my performance and they have promoted me as “Training and Compliance Manager”.

Now I would like to put in writing the main reasons of sending this email – As I could not express my unhappiness and feelings of extreme annoyance and anguish with reference to this above mentioned bill. Why we have laws, constitution and courts especially the Migration Review Tribunal (MRT)? – I believe to protect those people who have been unfairly or underhandedly treated by either government, its officials or by some affluent members of public. If this bill is passed, there will be no respect and admiration among people for Australian courts and its justice system. Ministers are appointed to a high office in the government to protect laws, not to take law in their own hands.

We have launched permanent residency file for my younger brother in May, 2009. Every single day in the last one year we have expected the outcome, we have always lived in a joint family and still we are following the same customs and relations, he was very interested in breads and cakes and pastries and that was the only reason why he came here to do Advanced diploma of patisserie, which was highly in demand when he started his studies, It was even great in demand when he finished his studies and got the qualification, TRA – Temporary residency, got Cert IV in OHS and when we applied his permanent residency, the qualification has no or very little value in our previous country but he studied it with the dreams to open his own bakery in Australia – which he is in the process of and operating really soon, with the dream – to stay with all of us (two brothers) together.

Even yesterday we were calculating how we have sold almost all our property of overseas in our qualifications from Australia, how we have arranged all the fees, expenses, medicals, visa processing charges, travel, transport, etc... list is endless. We have recently purchased a house in Australia, my wife is a Nurse and my brother's wife a primary school teacher, we have spent not just money,

dreams, but also the most productive years of our lives in Australia, supporting its economy by paying taxes, being good citizens – making good citizens, serving its people on different job-roles, is this what we deserve as return? Australia is and will be our biggest dream to live together and share all the happiness of the world as any other Australian/ citizen without any discrimination of age, sex, color, creed or culture but If this cap system would be implemented not just us, thousands of families like us will be affected.

Yes, put into practice cap-system and other necessary rules, bills, regulations, laws, whatever you want to make Australia a better country but through a fair-system – A system where government bodies are not accepting applications at all after they reach to specially allocated quota not after years of waiting, suffering, and hopes.

I believe this bill is not just anti-human, not in favor of basic human being values but also against law and justice system of Australia.

I don't know if this email will be read or not, whether I will be getting any response or reply or not but I am writing it because at this moment in time my heart and head are very heavy and only we know how we are living our lives these days.

Thanks for providing the opportunity to express our thoughts – until their will be restriction to ban it.

Kindest regards,
Sukh Sandhu

With kind regards,

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