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To Whom May Concern:

I am an applicant of V886. I have been applying the visa even since 2008. At the time, all requirements were met. Then during the 2008 financial crisis, the sudden changes of migration policy changed my life which put me under waiting for the visa to be approved until now. And now, after waiting for so long for the new SOL list, the parliament now is trying to approve this so called "Visa Capping". And I strongly disagree the amendment.

At the moment, I really do not know what to do in terms of your migration amendment. I spent nearly two years for my visa to be approved. And now I might have to leave this country in just 28 days once the minister determines the capping on this visa. This is really unfair to us. If you could amend this migration policy at the early 2008, then we might just leave the country to enjoy our life somewhere else. What would you feel if you are standing on the behalf of us? You let us enter into this country to pay thousands of dollars of university fees and living fees, but after we graduated, you are now trying to get rid of us just because you made enough money from our international students. I wonder how you going to attract more international students in the future if you treat us like this way. Maybe in the future more and more private colleges and universities will be going to bankruptcy soon.

I do understand the situation where Australian nation may face another financial crisis similar to the one in 2008, and the government is trying all their best to prevent people from losing jobs. However, I do not see the threats we have to them. This country suppose to be a fair country, people get their jobs through interviews with their right ability to meet the requirements. If they do not have the right skill, they would lose jobs anyhow. So why do you need to put the visa on capping?

More importantly, we are actually good consumers in Australia. We spend our money on clothes, commodities and food. If a large amount of people deported back to their origin, I believe this will be a big hit to the retailers. This may cause more and more retailer workers losing jobs. Not only that, this may hit other industries too. I do not think this is the outcome you would want to face.

Lastly, I think if this amendment is approved, then the government is making the same mistake as the "super tax" on mining. This country will have a bad reputation on their education industry. Mining companies may lose more and more international investors, but also the country will lose more and more international students who may go to USA, New Zealand, UK instead.

The above is some thoughts I have about the amendment. I do not know if there is anybody would read it, but I just want to express my strong disagreement.

Thank you for your consideration!