

Dear Senates

This letter is to address the Issue regarding the new Migration Amendments being proposed with regards to Capping applications with certain characteristics for both the Onshore and Offshore Applicants by setting a certain Cap for every Occupation in demand, or Most occupations in Demand.

I have been following up a lot of news and forums online and by talking to people directly as to how much they are emotionally stressed due to the various changes being made in the Migration policies and its sudden frequency of decision making and changes which affect many people – Onshore and Offshore Applicants.

Considering that we are all (the readers) updated with the latest Migration changes including the New Skilled Occupation List which will be active from July 1st and the resuming of Offshore Applications for Migration from July 1st, I would like to let the Senates or whosoever in charge know that the necessary damage and hardship has been caused already.

People are now aware that policies are changing and everyone is cautious. And I very much know that all the changes being done is for the purpose of the well being of the Australians, or the Australian Country to be more specific. But, things such as previous policies and promises made by the Australian Government regarding Migration of Students studying genuine courses in Australia having Genuine intentions of Migrating and improving their life prospects and inturn contributing to this country in many ways should not be ignored to the highest possible rate. Many people have arranged and planned their lives depending on policies which were put up by the Immigration regarding Migrating to Australia when they planned to commence their pathway to a better life.

Our Interests regarding the Migration Cap and Cease may not be in line here, but I would really like to recommend the Senates take the right action and minimise the effect of any changes being made to Immediate applicants or applicants already promised under previous policies not too long ago and are already under their system of Migrating to Australia.

As I am an International Student finishing my degree in Australia this year end in Accounting, I would be much clearly be able to voice the problems and negativities facing International Students when changes such as a Cap and Cease for all applicants would be made. Students studying here come with intentions of getting the best value of their money, and since the Immigration had promised International Students a Permanent Residence pathway open to them after a 2 year study period, which could help apply these students' skills in Australia, I would request that this should not be affected too much in any way as we may not have an advantage or a guarantee of being able to gain a good life by returning back home, in the case of students from the developing countries (which I believe constitutes more than 90% of International Students).

The current changes made for Onshore students , for example, a score of above 7 in IELTS is a welcome change as it does filter out students who just come here for permanent residence through University study and not for any professional contribution through their Coursework in Australia. This could be classed as a paid refugee status if you may, for students such as these who's intents of migrating to Australia are achieved through wrong means.

But for genuine students, for example my case, where I plan to graduate as an

Accountant, and become a Professional CPA in Australia (Since I chose CPA Australia after researching other professional bodies around the world for particular reasons), I would like the Senates to know that any unsmooth changes to the Migration plans would create life changing effects to many people involved, be it Students, Offshore business applicants or other wanting-to-be migrants who have now already directed all energy towards settling in Australia to improve life prospects.

Thankyou

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