

As an international student studying accounting in Australia, I am writing to oppose Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

This bill will seriously undermine the transparency of the immigration system of Australia, by giving the minister of immigration the arbitrary power to cap any category of visa. It will cause mass unfairness among the potential applicants of permanent residence, if the basis of capping is subject to the discretion of the minister, rather than going through the legislature process.

After finishing my education in Australia, the most important thing for my future is to apply what I learnt to my future career. It doesn't matter it's going to be applied in Australia or my home country. However, this visa capping proposal will put a lot of uncertainty on the planning of my future. For example, should I take the CPA examination in Australia while waiting for the visa processing of the PR? If I knew it would be capped eventually, there is no point of taking the examination, as it is not highly recognized in my home country. It would be a vast waste of time, energy and money, waiting for an uncertain result for years, particularly if the result (the capping) is purely dependent on one person's own judgment, without any disclosure of certain standards based on equality and justice. In the long term, the reputation of Australian education will be undermined, as the opportunity cost for international students will be substantially increased by this proposed legislation.

Please consider the issues I raised above, as they largely effects almost every international students in this country.