

To Whom It May Concern,

As an Australian citizen, I have serious concern over the new proposed immigration capping amendment.

First of all, We are planning to give the immigration department the absolutely authority to act not only as a government body, but also as powerful law in this country. The immigration minister will have the absolute power to decide when to reject the visa for any reason and no power is given to people to even appeal in the court.

If there is any amendment done, it should give people the basic right to appeal in any sort of scenario. This is the very basic human right everyone deserves. Law should be independent and fair, regardless of how politics changes over years.

Second of all, the amendment has not outlined clearly how to cap the number per financial year. Is that first in first served bases? If so, then the people who might be entitled for PR visa the next year has waited less time compared to the ones who were rejected at the end of the last year? How is that fair? Or are we playing a 'let's toss the dice' game? And yet the government wants to be the absolute law in this game! Our immigration department seem to change its mind every second month. The accumulated 147000 visa applications were made before the change of the immigration rules, and fully paid. Despite the government shameful betrayal of words, it is trying to make it up by 'refunding' the application money. But I am sorry, most of the application have been waiting for years and the government body has expired its period on 'refund upon change of mind within 14 days'!

Hopefully, Australia has evolved into something better than a 'slave' market. For the students who have studied hard, worked hard in their profession in which they have studied for, they should have a right to stay and keep making contribution.

I do emphasise the people who have continued to work in the same profession as they studied in. It shows their strength, skill and commitment in making the contribution to our slowing down economy. I do admit there is a small group of people who tend to study for the shortest period of time in Australia and then change profession to other fields. Then why should we grant PR to those people based on their once off studying experience? If there is any amendment to be done, please base it on the very simple logic as above and to be fair to everyone.

Australia is believed once to be a fair country with no working class difference. We are not to be portrayed as cunning slave market that take people's money, time and contribution as needed then dump people back as the government changes its mind every second month. What is that going to do to our international image?

Regards