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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the new citizenship rules set by the Prime Minister on the 20th of April. The proposed changes will have a drastic impact on the Australian communities, affecting many temporary and permanent residents and their families, dividing Australian households and make a scar on the multicultural fabric.

My family arrived Australia on the same day, my wife and my son have already applied and approved citizen applications. I had to wait for 14 July 2017 to satisfy his one-year PR requirement. The proposed changes will push me back to 2020. We have been here for more than four years and both of us completed a degree in Australia and I already contributing Tax through work as a professional Engineer. Our son is attending school next year. How is it fair to us to have this unsettling situation in our family for coming years!

Currently, we have a signed petition of 33K and its growing, Please find below link,

<https://www.change.org/p/department-of-immigration-and-border-protection-australia-vote-against-4-years-after-pr-eligibility-towards-oz-citizenship>

To help the 33K persons/families who are currently in a limbo, who don't know what citizenship law is currently in effect. The DIBP should process applications as per normal until the changes are formally implemented through proper legislation and parliamentary voting and stakeholder analysis.

I strongly believe that the Australian citizenship is a privilege that is why thousands of immigrants are doing their best by studying, working hard, paying taxes, doing volunteer jobs to be rewarded by this great honor. For those immigrants who have been working hard during their stays in Australia, and well integrated and contribute to this beautiful country on a daily basis. It is beyond my comprehension, how another 4 years of stay will make those who have been living, studying, working, sending their kids to Australian schools in Australia more familiar with Australian values as compared to new entrants!

Finally, as a lot of us have been stressed over the last weeks, we have made a little video and would like to share it with you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yt2hNr_ulEw&feature=youtu.be

Please consider these effects on us who are permanently migrated to this great country.

Yours Sincerely