

To who may concern:

First of all, I have to say I am astonished by the Visa Capping) Bill 2010. It is much unreasonable even inhumane. My reasons are as following:

It deviates from the fairness nature of law. If unfortunately the bill is approved, and the immigration department get the power to cancel the onshore application which has been lodged previously (even the immigration minister may says that he will not clear the previous application, but who can ensure the new minister will not do so), It is much unfair. As every body know, when applicant lodged their application, they have already meet all the requirements set by the immigration law at that time. If the bill be approved and be applied to them, I have to say, in fact, its nature is ex post facto. And then, who can trust the law any more.

It will make Australia lose prestige world around. Onshore applicants who have lodged their applications studied and worked hard, every thing they did is according to the requirements by immigration department and finally meet the requirements in the time they lodged their applicaitons. How can a government body try to change the law to clear people's previous applications or set new rules to apply on previous applicants? It is nature is fraud and bad faith. If it does happen, no one will trust what Australia says because the government can do whatever it like in the future and does not care about the rules it set before by it own.

It will strongly impact Australia education industry. In recent 2 months, Australia has already lost 25% international student. If the government still consists to tighten the immigration policy, they will lose more. More education institution will bankrupt, and more teacher will lose jobs, then it will spread to other industry. If the bill be approved, all the international student will be upset everyday, worrying about their future, and most of the teachers will also be upset everyday, worrying about losing jobs. Is that a good thing to Australia economy especially in economic crisis period?

The bill is inhumane. Most onshore applicants has already waited for a very long time, even they just hold bridging visa, some of them has brought the house, have a permanent full time job, has been married in Australia, even have children. If the new legislation makes immigration minister can clear their previous application, and they have to leave Australia within 28 days, it means they will lose all which they gained in the last few years by their hard working. Even it will make their family breaks. Most of people and I deeply believe Australia is a peaceful, fair, and country, and love this country. Please don't make people disappointed.

Just use my case for instance. I used to be an international student, and after I came to this beautiful country, I was deeply attracted by it's culture, and I tried my best to meet all the immigration requirement, just wanted to be part of this country. I studied very hard and get very high scores in all my subjects. And I did part time jobs to improve my skills. After I graduated, I worked full time in my occupation until now. I paid lots of tax every year, make contribution to Australia's economy. Although I am not a citizen, I do take my responsibility as one of Australia resident. And now, although I just hold bridging visa, I have married in Australia and have my family. Now I am working in regional area of Australia, contribute to the economy of regional area. Everything of mine is deeply link to Australia now. If the immigration department clear my previous application just because the parliament house pass this unfair bill, I don't know how will my future like, I may lose all which I gained by extremely hard working. Even my family will lose all and

may break. If the law says my application may be cleared when I lodged my application, I have nothing to complain, but if the law says now, I feel it is much unfair. Even when I lodged 856 application, at that time, normally applicants just need to wait 8 months, so I didn't do state sponsorship and employer sponsorship. It is not because I can't meet the sponsorship requirements, it is just because I don't know I will wait one and half year and will wait more time.

I understand that Australia may has some problem on economy, and employment rate because of the previous immigration strategy. But I think it is not a right way to ask applicants to response for this. Every body makes mistakes. No body is perfect. As well as governments. But a good government or person should take its own responsibility for their pervious decision, not to blame others. I think the government can find a better way to solve all problems, but not to pass the unfair, inhumane bill. Because this bill have much more negative effects than positive ones.

Generally speaking, I have to say onshore applicants are different to offshore applicants; they made much contribution to Australia, and Australia should not abandon them. And there is one suggestion to solve the big amount of previous applications. Just use my case as example, I am working as a chef in regional area now. And I find that in regional area, it is very hard for an employer to find employees. The situation goes conversed from big cities. Although there are lots of cooks/chefs in Australia, When I look at the recruiting advertisements in regional area newspaper, there are plenty of cook positions. And lots of employers are complaining it is hard to find employees. You may ask why not ask for employer sponsorship in regional area, the fact is that although employer are eager to find employee in regional area, but most of them cant meet the high requirements set by the immigration department. Some of the business is not big enough, some are new business cant provide 2 years pervious financial reports, some are willing to provide casual jobs on full time hours(38hours/week), but are not willing to provide full time jobs because of annual leave, sick leave and so on. So, In my opinion, if the government set lower requirements of regional area sponsorship immigration, and encourage people who have lodged their application to work in regional area, it will benefit both applicants and regional area economy. It's much better than just approve a unfair and inhumane bill.

At last, I want to say that although I am still waiting, I do love this beautiful country. I have my family, have my friends, have my everything in this country, I did lots of contributions to this country and will continue contribute to Australia economy. So dear Australia, Please don't make us disappointed, please let us become part of you!