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The Senate,

RE: Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010

1. If the skilled migration program has failed to deliver its objectives, then it must be fixed but to treat international students in this manner and expel them from the program where genuine applications have already been made and in accordance with the law, is unjust, discriminatory, inhumane and undignified.
2. The recent legislative changes have only affected the student industry negatively and in an unprecedented manner. This will finish off whatever business is left.
3. The students are employed with businesses that will suffer even more in their absence. A large number of these students are Indians working for Indian businesses.
4. International students are also consumers for local businesses.
5. This will damage Australia's reputation and relations with other countries
6. None of these changes, planned and already implemented, take into account the negative affect (emotional and economical) it is already having on the lives of people associated with the migration and student industry. The minister's kill-the-patient-to-treat-the-disease approach is doing just that and will now kill other Australians.
7. International student's were an important reason why the international education industry was able to avoid the recession of 2008 and maintain Job and business continuity was.