

We wish to protest strongly about the proposed above Bill.

Our son came to join us in Australia in January 2006. He studied at the University of the Sunshine Coast, gained a Bachelors of Business, Graduate Diploma of Management and a Masters in Business Administration.

He made a valid application for PR. in March 2009, and is now on bridging visa A. He has made a firm commitment to Australia, paid \$50.000 for top Australian qualifications, is working here and paying taxes.

He now faces the possibility of having his valid visa application refused at the apparent whim of the Immigration Minister, who will be given unprecedented powers by this amendment to the 1958 Immigration act, to cap and cease visas at any time. Should his visa be refused, he cannot appeal, and would have to leave Australia in 28 days.

How can a civilized country treat genuine onshore applicants, (who have done nothing wrong), in this way.

It would appear that the Senate committee has been given very little time to give careful consideration to exactly how the new Bill will affect the lives of many thousands of applicants, especially those on shore, and how little time, for those onshore, to lodge their protest.

We sincerely hope that this Bill will not be rushed through without more thought being given to how badly it will affect Australia's reputation as a fair nation to the rest of the world, let alone devastate the lives of so many genuine applicants. We believe these amendments deserve more rigorous scrutiny than is possible in a three-week inquiry by the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

We are established here, and our extended family and friends are all horrified at the possibility that our son could potentially be treated so badly.