

In the context of current scenario of amending the immigration law I would like to humbly submit the following:

- Being an immigrant myself I came to Australia on study visa and eventually after finishing my studies I applied for my permanent residency and finally after 2 years of PR got my citizenship.
- This whole process/ journey from student to citizen were time consuming, monetarily expensive, emotionally and mentally stressful. But the good part was I had my wife to company me as she to arrive here with me on student visa.
- But now when I see the changing rules and regulations so fast, those who come here thinking that they have a chance to settle here have a false impression.
- On top of this the current proposed legislation is an additional insult to injury. Outwardly it looks like a scam being officially run by the government to lure international students and once they come and pay exorbitant tuition fees, pay for the ever increasing cost of living and transportation, do no jobs or petty jobs that hardly pays anything.
- I thought this government wanted to give a “fair go” to every one. If some one has come so far from his home in a Hope that after all his efforts and doing every thing legally his/her efforts will pay off.
- The policies should be clear and people should have more open and transparent style of immigration system. Since I was a student and till today when I see other students they were and are still confused on policies and procedures and thousands of rumours flying around. As government do not stick to a policy for too long no one can plan their future and assume that their efforts will bear any fruits.
- Trusting this system we suggested my brother in law to come to Australia he finished his studies and now is waiting in line to get an officer allotted to decide on his file. But it is a long wait and he is getting it hard to find a good job as they want permanent resident or citizen.
- There are lot of odd jobs available in the market but big companies need more stable visas for good paying jobs. This has created catch 22 situation where able and deserving student waiting for PR have to do odd jobs to survive and this wait is not going to end till end of 2011 as per immigration department.
- This has an emotionally nerve reeking effect on him and us as we are involved as a family member. I just want him to get a fair go. Immigration department to gather their act together and put forward a fair and stable policy relying on which people can plan their future on.

Thanks