

To,

Hon. Laurie Ferguson,
Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement,
Parliament House,
Canberra ACT 2600.

Respected Sir,

I graduated with visa sub class 485, from Curtin University of Technology with a Masters of Business Administration and Post Graduate Diploma in Commerce (Marketing) in December 2008.

The recent changes in the immigration processing policy effective from 23rd September, 2009 affect a lot on my GSM application that lodged with the department of immigration and citizenship on 23rd March 2010 and understand there is a 2 year wait for all such applications.

After I graduated I applied for the Skilled Graduate Visa which would give me the opportunity to gain the relevant experience required to meet the criteria to apply for a permanent visa to live and work in Australia. The time, effort and money spent to achieve this will all go in vain if this bill goes forward.

Capping would also mean further delays to my application, without the residence it has become highly difficult to get full time job placement in-order to succeed in life and better my life. I look forward to settle down in Australia and already think it as my home. This bill has caused serious concerns about my future in Australia and all the effort and time spent to get to this point.

Permanent residency is one of the key criteria to apply for the government sector jobs however I am not eligible for these jobs even though I possess the required skills which fit the job. I am unable to apply for a mortgage as all banks need the security of a permanent residency and hence still haven't been able to lead a normal life and have a family. Also with the expiry of skilled visa I will have to be in Australia till I get an answer on my GSM application, I do not mind the time taken, however this does affect job prospects which require me to travel and I am not able to take up positions which indeed will allow me to build a better career.

Furthermore the uncertainty has affected me mentally, as we all as natural human beings want to secure our future, I feel I am living my life on the edge and might receive an email that I will have to leave this country where I have decided to move to this country legally. I feel the new law should be for all future application.

I would request you to kindly consider the mental turmoil I am in and consider the time, money and effort spent by applicants including me. I live with the fear that I might have drop down everything and move back. The thought of this only gives me sleepless nights

and leaves me wondering where my future is heading .

Thanking you,
Sincerely _____

CC: Hon. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

CC: Hon. Chris Evans

CC: Hon. Julia Gillard

CC: Hon. Tony Abbott