

Dear Sir / Madam,

I love and respect Australia and Australian people. I'm here in Australia from last 3 and half years. I consider myself as very lucky to be here in this Great Country.

After finishing my studies in IT in 2008 I applied for TR (Visa 485) because I couldn't get enough bands in IELTS test (7 in each module) to apply directly for PR (Visa 885). So after getting TR, I had four options left to apply for PR, first to get one year experience in my field, second to do the preparation for IELTS test and get 7 bands in each module, third to find an employer or state sponsorship and fourth the last one was to do Professional Year Program Course.

Now from those four options I selected Professional Year Program Course because the other three options were very hard for me. After the completion of Professional Year Program I applied for PR (Visa 885) in 2010. After this whole procedure I'm still not sure whether the visa will be granted or not.

Well after spending approximately \$ 50,000 (\$28,000 (Degree fee) + \$ 13,000 (Professional Year Program fee) + other misc (Consultant fee, degree assessment fee, TR & PR fee, medicals etc.) and golden period of life I would love to stay here. After spending such a long period of time in Australia I'm feeling like I'm a part of Australia.

After hearing **Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010** I was totally shocked. All the hard work and struggle in my life would go in vain. All my dreams for future and to live happy life would be devastated. This would not be unfair for those who applied their visas by unfair or illegal means but please think about those who spend 3 and half years legally, paying tax and working less than 20 hours per week in student life.

So I have a request to you, please consider both sides of the coin. I believe you will do everything good.

Kind regards,

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