

## Migration Visa Capping Bill 2010

VISA Class: 886

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Please accept this letter as our complaint regarding the new Migration Visa Capping Bill 2010 legislation currently being administered.

Our application has been made following the strict laws as set out by the Australian government. It is based on a genuine desire to raise our young family and further our careers in Western Australia. At the time at which the application was made, my occupation was in demand and the criteria was met and exceeded all standards and requirements set.

We have put our faith and trust in the Australian legal system and feel disappointed and utterly devastated that our dreams may be quashed because of these unfair changes. It is my opinion that new applications should be addressed, and not to axe completed applications which is an absolute injustice.

and I have lived in Australia since 2005, I am from the UK, is from Germany. We have a baby girl named , born in Fremantle, Australia in 2009. We were engaged at Coral Bay, WA in December 2008 and plan to marry in November 2011 in Perth, all our family have been invited over to WA and wedding plans already put into action.

I have an Aunt, Uncle and Cousin who moved to Australia about ten years ago and are now Australian Citizens. We travelled Australia and fell in love with the Australian people and way of life. In the many years that we have been here, we have learned to love and appreciate this country and what it believes in.

and I have built a life here in Perth and are valuable members of our community, we take regular fitness classes and and I are part of Mothers Groups and walking groups. We have strong documentation from countless Australian colleagues and friends which support our references.

On successful completion of my 2 year course on 11th December 2009, we were extremely elated to have achieved the goals we had set out to, the journey to get there was not always easy and we sacrificed a lot of money, time and emotional toil to finish it. I continued to work throughout my pregnancy and birth, keeping on top of all classes and assignments in order to achieve my diploma. My lecturers congratulated me on my efforts because of this.

The course was a fantastic decision for us as it not only boosted my confidence; it lead me into jobs in the industry in Western Australia where I could use the skills I had learnt in the commercial kitchens of which I have enjoyed greatly and I met some amazing people along the way. Also, the Commercial Cookery and Diploma of Hospitality Management Course have created an ambition to own and manage my own cafe in the future here in Perth. I see this as being not only a great way in

being able to 'give something back' by employing other Australians but also an opportunity of becoming a part of Perth's growing Tourism and Hospitality Industry.

As you can see from our history here in Australia, and I have resided here continuously since 2005. The only exceptions were few occasions when we have flown back (once per year approximately) to visit family.

The decision to move so far away from family and friends has not been easy, but believed that this decision would have such a positive impact on our growing family that we were making the right choice. We still believe this and even have our 3 year old dog, Chester!

It has always been our intention to purchase or build a property in Perth and to settle here forever and are continuing to work towards this. It is our dream to eventually send our daughter to private school and to perhaps extend out little family one day.

Our current status consists of a bridging visa while we await approval of our permanent application. Life has been on hold for these past years, though we have lived and worked happily in the knowledge that we had done everything necessary to secure a permanent visa, as set out by the Australian Government. In order to obtain the qualifications and skills required to make Australia our home for life, we have invested all of our savings and earnings.

We have sacrificed so much and worked so hard to achieve our dream and truly are a family that deserves to have that dreams realised. We already feel as though we are Australian and were just waiting for the paperwork to confirm that we are

In anticipation.

Yours faithfully,