

I am an Australia Citizen and have been living in Australia for over 15 years, TODAY I am writing to ask a question to Chris Evans, Hon. Minister of Immigration in Labour Govt. who is saying "the skilled migration program has failed to deliver its objectives",

My question to him is "Does this mean that all policies made by Liberal govt were not correct"?

If current government says YES: then my question is:

Did anyone from this Labour govt bother to talk to officers involved in making that policy during Howard Govt?

OR:

Did anyone read the Liberal government's policy or contacted the policy section of Liberal Immigration minister's advisory committee to get clarifications?

OR:

Labour government has formed their own view and have changed all the OLD officials who were involved in policy making during Howard government?

Even if to a smallest level that old migration program was not meeting the objectives, Labour Govt should keep the point of view to fix the problem rather than penalising the international students who are Not at fault and where genuine applications have already been made and in accordance with the law. The bill labour govt has proposed is absolutely an act of unjust, discriminatory, inhumane and undignified.

If we look into the fact, that the recent legislative changes have only affected the student industry negatively and in an unprecedented manner. There are many institutions struggling financially as there has been hardly an intake of NEW students from overseas, due to unfair and unclear policies of the current government. Look at the example of BIG colleges like Sterling College, Meridian College and GEOS English institute, who had to close the Colleges due to financial difficulties. These Colleges were doing the right thing by maintaining all requirements set by the Government regulatory bodies, BUT because of the fact that they could not cop up with financial pressure as they were not getting NEW influx of students from overseas for them to maintain the business model they had been running for no of years. If the Government does not wake up and does not fix the REAL problem (open their eyes and rationalise the facts), this will finish off whatever business is left.

I had a group of 4 ex-students came to me who lodged their application for PR together in May 2008, and one of them has been granted the visa and is now a PR of Australia where as other 3 are still waiting for the decision on the application. Here the question is:

"Have these 3 students done something wrong or they are less skilled than their Fourth friend"? Why is the policy different for people of the same calibre and also came together to Australia in march 2006, studied together, shared their time together but one gets different outcome than that of his 3 friends, whereas these 3 friends are equally capable, share the similar background, BUT have not been treated SAME as outcome.

The way the current Government is discouraging the international students will have direct impact on Australian businesses where we all know that there are lot of jobs that are primarily taken by international students (as Australia born kids do not like to take up those jobs). If there are not enough people to do these smaller jobs, it will result in closure of Australian owned business, which in result will end up having Few Australian out of jobs as well.

We are proud of the fact that we are living in Australia which had a reputation of Fair GO policy, but due to recent policy changes and unaccountable decisions made by the current government, we have been asking ourselves the same question over and over again that "When will get the FAIR GO Australia back"?