

Dear Senate Members,

I am writing in regards to the recent proposed bill that will affect thousands of applicants who have been patiently waiting for their applications to be finalised.

I arrived here in 2006 and after successfully completing my studies, applied for permanent residency in Sep 2008 after meeting all the requirements. I have a young family with three children of which two were born in Australia. I went through a lot of sacrifices – both financially and emotionally to finish my studies and get a job here. I have been waiting for almost 2 years for my application to be finalised and now hear that the laws might change! I just wanted to know why are the current applicants who are already in the pipeline waiting patiently being put through so much turmoil. I have a steady job and have been paying tax. As a family we have got attached to this beautiful country and the people living in this country. We feel that we are already settled here. If the laws change, and if I am affected, what am I going to tell my 5 year old daughter who absolutely loves her school and friends? To me I think this bill is very unfair. All we are asking for is a fair go and get our applications finalised. Please do not penalise the current applicants for doing the right thing and using the right channels to apply for residency. Australia is known to be a fair country so please consider our plight.

Thank you.