

Dear Senate Members and Chris Evans,

I would like to bring to your attention the negative effects this **Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010** will have on the applicants who have already applied for the right to live in this country (Permanent Residency). In my opinion this is similar as playing games with people lives. They have invested money, time, and so many of us have tried to balance our studies with jobs sometimes working even seven days during our holidays. No one knows the stress and the struggle some students have to face in order to make a good future for them. But in the end all of that is taken away by this decision. All of that is just taken away in the blink of an eye and we don't even get a chance to do anything. I have spent five years of my life here. I arrived in July 2005 and finished my degree Bachelors of Science (Majors in Biotechnology) in December 2008. I filed for Permanent Residency in early in March 2009. I have a sister who has sponsored me. I have enough points to apply for a Subclass 886 permanent Visa. For the past few years during the course of study here I managed five days of my UNI with my 20 hours work regime. I usually worked on the weekends therefore not getting time to do anything for myself. I frequently reminded myself that this will be over as soon as I got my residency. I fell in love with the accepting Australian Community and the nice people here. This country not only offered a better life but along with that came a chance to know so many helpful people. I am currently on a bridging visa for the past 15 months. I would like to convey through my letter that whatever is happening is not fair to so many hardworking and sincere students who have done everything right and it's not even their fault that government refuses to process their application. I know you members will think that it is only for the benefit of Australia's economy. But I would like to say that what about the lives of so many people who want to live here???

But now the government is just playing with lives of all of the Students who have worked so hard here to build a good future for them and their future generations only to find out the hard work they did was of no use.

I hope this letter will be taken into consideration and something will happen which would be fair to everyone, the community, the students, the economy and the Australian Government.

Thanks

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