

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my views regarding the Migration Amendment Bill 2010.

I was an international student just finished my study and lodged my application for permanent residency.

Honestly, I feel unclear and confused about the outcome of my visa application as a result of the massive changes and the unclear statements of the immigration policies.

My occupation is currently on the Critical Skill List and my question is what would happen to the current CSL applicants after 1st, July, 2010. I tried to raise this question through calling DIAC or going to the Department of Immigration, however, I received completely different answers and sometimes they just simply said they do not know what would happen to my application until further announcement is made.

As a married man, I have to well plan my future and some decisions have to be made based on certainty. I persuaded my wife to give up her job to come to Australia, in the hope of settling down. The current uncertainty would possibly ruin my career and cause a large number of missing opportunities. I have invested a lot of time and money on the visa application according to the current migration policies. It would be a nightmare for my family if our visas would be rejected because of the capping. Even though a refund is accessible, the time and the opportunity cost will be never redeemable. An applicant lodged his or her eligible visa using the current migration rules as guidance, and it is unfair and unjust to assess the old applicants using new rules or simply capping them.

In a nutshell, the Bill is not tolerable and would destroy the international image and reputation from my perspective; as a result, it should by no means come into effect.

Thanks for your time and I highly appreciate it.

Kind regards.