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RE: The Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 to amend the Migration Act 1958

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing this letter against the legislation that will allow to AXE many 1000s of applications from people who have been waiting patiently for substantial periods of time already. This is in most people's opinion I think totally unfair and does great damage to Australia's international reputation.

I have spent a lot of money to get to this stage and after all this struggle of 4 years I am made aware of that my application might be axed in case this legislation passes. I have done IELTS test for Immigration purposes for over six times and each time obtained 6.5 in either module. I think IELTS is a very unfair system, how can my English testing ability be different each time I sit for IELTS. I paid \$310 each time, wasting my money, time, effort and getting a lot of stress.

In December 2008 I finished my bachelor degree in accounting and according to migration rules I was not eligible to apply for my permanent residence so my husband started studying in order to stay in Australia. We spent \$68000 on university fees, \$1860 on IELTS, \$350 degree assessment, \$6500 migration agent fees and permanent residence application fees, \$120 police clearance Australia plus living and food expenses for four years for both of us. I think you should consider all that hard work before you rejecting our file.

I am currently employed by an accounting firm practising and applying what I have learnt, suddenly if tomorrow if I have to leave Australia because of the said Legislation not only the company will lose a staff but in general the country will lose its skilled worker, making huge impact in international market.

Finally I would just like to say that we need a fair system.

Yours Sincerely,

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