

Respectable Senate Committee,

It has been identified as an issue that there are thousands of applicants waiting for the visa approval and thousands are planning to apply. This, by itself suggests how bitter the impact of this proposed visa capping bill will be. Before implementing or passing this bill the consequences must be analysed not only the existing issues. Normally it is agreeable that, if the volume of migration is more than required there should be some measure to control it. But while doing so, the government also should hold on the spell they put on the international students in past.

Everyone should acknowledge the fact that the majority of the international students, not only seek to get the education here. They also plan on having good work experience in the field they studied, develop career and/or stay here in Australia to grab the opportunities based on their capabilities. One should not forget that the number of international students coming to Australia would not be that high in past years if there would not be opportunities of permanent residency associated with it. It has never been easy for any international student to fulfil the requirement of the course, finish it with good standing, work hard to be able to survive here. Many of the students have taken loan for their education and they need to pay it back for 5-8 years after he/she graduates.

So implementing such rule all of the sudden, without giving students enough time, can never be fair. Even if such rule has to be implemented, it should be planned well in advance and everyone including the student or even potential students should be informed in time. Here the issues should be viewed from the victim's perspective who have spent or spending huge amount of money and time as well as compromised with their emotions. It is important to consider about the possible frustration that a student/graduate may get in his/her early stage of career development.

Last but not the least important is the issue that how updated a government can be about the employment market so that it can specify the correct number of immigrants in every profession. The Australian government and immigration Department have not shown evidence of being so. For e.g. in later part of 2009 it has been realised that Australia has enough and even more Cooks and Hair Dressers. If the system was very up to date, why such occupations were still having 60 points and even were getting bonus points for being in Migration Demand List. Why the things didn't come gradually such as removing from Demand list, reducing points, removing from state sponsorship list and so on?

So I believe passing this bill is certainly not good from victim's view as well as any bystanders. Measures can be taken to select better graduates in any profession in terms of their educational performance and capabilities but not based on their luck of their application being processed before the quota is fulfilled.

Best Regards

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