

I have read the Migration Amendment Act (visa capping) 2010, it is totally unfair for the people who have already applied for the Skill Migration onshore and are waiting for few years and now they are going to face worst situation due to mismanagement of a single person. Now some of these applicants are saying they would have come by boat instead of coming here legally and putting their heart and soul to the Australian economy.

Applicants have spent their savings and most precious years of their life to gain the required Skills to meet the criteria of Skill Migration Program and they have adjusted themselves in this country and become the part of community considering it as a home country. If this bill passed and the power use to eliminate any Applicant It would be discriminatory act against any applicants doesn't matter who they are because they have made a valid application.

In one of his Interview with ABC radio, Dear Immigration minister said, there is no such tool through which he can manage GSM program effectively, and he wants to have a broad range of skill migrants. But I don't agree with that as he has the SOL and other lists as tool through he could easily manage the programme. Dear members of Committee please note that he just changed the SOL on 17 May 2010, which contains only 180 occupations after removing 220 from the list. That contradicts with his broad range of skill migrant's policy. Now second thing dear members of committee is even more important, during the introduction of bill in the parliament it is being said that they have received more applications than the places available, mentioning the 17547 applications of cooks and hairdressers only. Please note that the cooks and hairdressers were on the MODL list until 8th of February this year. Now the question is why they did not remove it from MODL earlier. How is it possible that the profession is in the MODL and within few days they came up with the over number of application in that same profession. Were they unaware of that numbers before, if they were not then why they did not remove it from MODL and SOL earlier? May be the Dear Minister don't know that these Lists can be used as a tool to ensure that no one get punished after lodging the valid application. In the bill it is not mentioned that these powers will be used in the future only. It seems that, Dear immigration Minister intention to clear the backlog only with these powers, as he will give a notice of 28 days to leave the country to the unwanted applicant with the wanted skills, without any right to appeal. This would be so cruelty.

Also, dear minister did not mention the characteristic clearly, upon which he will choose the applicants if the bill is passed. So there is uncertainty and it will remain forever as the next minister or the current minister could amend it any time. The power in one hand, without any accountability, is not a sensible thing.

I would like to highlight another fact regarding current international students. Dear Minister says that students who hold 575 or 573 visa on or before the 8th of February can apply for TR or PR on the previous SOL before 2012. Now let's say that a student is doing hairdressing course and he will complete it in 2011. Will immigration department accept his application and process it? As it is been said that we have enough cooks and hairdressers if we need any in future we can train our young Australians. Even if they accept his application and process it, will this be fair for those applicants who waited for so long and got terminated by this bill?

This bill will also have a great impact on the future international student as they will think 100 times before choosing Australia due to uncertainty. Australian Education Sector will affect badly.

I make a humble request to all respected members of committee; please do not let this bill pass in the senate, if there is no other ways, then please make sure it does not apply to already lodge applications.

Thanks a Lot