

To whom it may concern,

My name is _____, I am in a de facto relationship with an Australian since 2013, I have applied for a partner visa in 2015 and am still waiting on my permanent visa. I have been in Australia, studying and working for more than 6 years. I have been paying my taxes and have no criminal records.

In 2016 me and my partner had a daughter together and she is everything in our lives. We have just purchased our home and it's embarrassing to say that I am not in the title of the house because I am not yet a permanent resident of Australia even though I am also paying for the house.

If the citizenship laws don't change I can probably be a citizen in the next 2 years, and never need to feel embarrassed again. If the laws change, I will probably have to wait 6-9 years to get citizenship. My daughter will be about 10 years old by the time I get to say I am an Australian, so I'd have to explain to her that we are different because she was born here and I wasn't just because of that. I can't think how this can be any beneficial to anyone's lives. I live here, I work here, my family is now here, I pay my taxes, I speak English and I love this country why do I have to wait any longer than that to become a citizen.

I am sorry to say but to me these changes are not to the better, they're shameful for thousands of people like me. They make me angry, embarrassed and sad.

Please do not support these changes, to my understanding they will make no difference but to make people wait. What good is that going to bring to this country?

Thank you for reading and considering my thoughts.

Best regards,