

Dear Senate Members,

I lodged my PR application in Sep 08 under GSM subclass 885, I had completed a master degree in accounting in Australia and is working in this field currently.

As some one waiting in the GSM pipeline, this great provisional bill has concerned me greatly. I think I deserve a right to demonstrate my points here before this bill become reality.

1) **Law changes shall not be retrospective.** We have met the requirement at the time of our application. There is no way people like me would know the new requirements/policy at the time of our application. It's not fair to eliminate people on the base of the requirements that haven't been communicated to applicants at the time of their lodgement. If law changes were made retrospectively, then try to think putting people back in prison when they had their sentence served...

For people waiting onshore, this bill is especially cruel, people may have given up jobs or sold their properties in their home countries, now Australia Government has changed their mind, those people pay for the price.

Worst part about this new capping bill is that it doesn't even give people time to react to the changes, 28 days is definitely not enough for people to make other arrangements. In my circumstances, I've been working fulltime for this company for 3 years(1 year partime and 2years fulltime), my employer is happy to sponsor me, however, I need to re-lodge an application under different visa subcategory(886 or 457), if my previous application(under 885) got cancelled, which means I need to redo my police check, health check, plus a new IELTS result. It takes a least a few months to prepare and sit an IELTS test.

This labor party has lost it's credibility on climate change, on asylum seekers, please don not risk your government's reputation no more!~

2)**Absolute powder delegation. This Capping bill draft gives the minister to much powder without enough objective standards, boundaries and supervision.** I am sure I am not the only one worrying about the possible tyranny. How could the minister justify his capping and ceasing decision? Who should he be held accoutable?

3) This Capping bill may eventually pass the senate, however, **more amendments are definnitely needed. Constant and stable policies related to every aspects of GSM program have to be clarified ASAP.** The problem everyone is facing now is there is no clear rule to follow. For example, is there any priority processing after 01/07/2010? How many points will be given to each of the occupations on the new SOL announced in May? Will there be a new point test system, what will it be like and when it will be delivered etc

I've been living in Australia since 2005. This country and its people have grown on me more and more. I love the spirit of Australia, that is everyone has a fair go. I've devoted myself to this country for last 5 years, I've tried my best to study hard, to work hard, to contribute to the country and pay taxes. I am just an ordinary person like so many others who have settled down in Australia, who have felt the sense of belonging here, and who wish it won't be taken away from us. Please, I beg your attention, before putting up your hand to vote, please think about our benenfits, our rights, our losses, even though, we are not Australian citizen, don't we deserve to be treated in a humanity way, with a bit of respect for what we have contributed to this society? Should we be blamed and punished for things we couldn't decide, something your last government had decided?

Thanks a lot for your time.