

On late last month the minister for Immigration and citizenship Senator Chris Evans introduced a new bill namely MIGRATION AMENDMENT (VISA CAPPING) BILL 2010. I strongly disagree with this bill and I think everyone who calls himself to be a proud Australian will oppose this bill.

Australia- A country which runs on the policy of fair go. Where everyone is treated equally. But this bill will bring such a bad name and the worst reputation for Australia on an international level from the immigration point of view.

The biggest thing that this bill will bring will be the UNCERTAINTY. Making an application for immigrating to another country is a very big decision. It comes with a lot of stress, emotions and a totally different environment. Then an applicant lodges the application after considering everything by meeting all the legal requirements and considers his visa to be almost granted as he/she has met the basic eligibility criteria and starts to plan his/her life accordingly. Then all of a sudden he is left with the shock of his application been refused as all the places have been filled. He/She is left with only one question what wrong have I done that I have been punished so harshly. So It will bring a mental trauma among every applicant that he may be kicked out of the country at anytime. Will it not DISCOURAGE any prospective immigrant to choose Australia as their destination? So it will affect Australia's future immigration.

Coming to the onshore applicants, an applicant who has lodged a valid application and is waiting patiently for a decision to be made and has spent TWO to THREE years of his life living legally here paying the taxes and contributing to the economy. How fare will this law be for him? About NINETY percent of the immigrants are of the age group between TWENTY and THIRTY. They have spent the most important part of their life here and planned everything accordingly. How will they accept the idea of going back to where they come from and starting a new life there? It will make them nothing but the patients of depression for the rest of their lives. Isn't it a serious violation of the HUMAN RIGHTS?

It is understandable if the law is made for the future applicants and I personally appreciate that but implementing it on the existing applicants is more than just not fair. If the government says that the laws were not efficient enough. Then where is the fault of these innocent people who complied with the criteria as the legislation was made by the government?

This law will not only destroy thousands of lives but also will adversely affect the Australian economy as it will discourage people from applying for Australia either as a student or an immigrant. Everybody can see people from different backgrounds working in almost every industry and contributing to the economy. By sending them back we will loose all these sources of income.

At the end I Would say that this proposed new bill is in no way justified unless the minister wants a bring a second APARTHEID called as the AUSTRALIAN APARTHEID.

Regards  
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