



AMENDMENT IN VISA IMMIGRATION CAPPED BILL 2010

We do not think that this bill is justified in any way. It is understandable that the government never made a promise to any international student that he/she will get the residency after finishing his/her studies but it was an option made available by the government. They opted for this by lodging valid applications according the existing law in place. They complied with all the conditions being fixed by the government. It was the government who set the basic eligibility criteria and now the government of the same country is saying that the laws were not efficient enough and the needs have changed so they (prospective immigrants) do not deserve to be in the country. Then they talk about returning their fee back. Can they return the time they have spent here in hope of a better lifestyle that Australia has to offer? They have spent the most precious period of their life here. Some of them have been waiting here for the last three to four years for their application to be finalized and have adapted the system here. How will they grab the idea of going back home with nothing in their hands? How will they start a new life again?

Isn't it a serious violation of the human rights?

The government talks about enhancing the job prospects for domestic employees. It is not more than just a mere political stunt to hoodwink people because migration makes the economy more flexible, it can grow faster for longer without running in to inflationary bottlenecks. That means higher living standards for Australian people, moreover in the long term, migration stimulates innovation and enterprise, and thus faster long-term productivity growth. Without new ideas, new technologies and new businesses, our living standards would stagnate; moreover, **Silicon Valley in US would have never grown, prospered without foreign nationals.** A sensible person can easily understand the harm Mr. Evans is going to cause to the Australian Economy. It is just to divert a voter's attention from what they have done in the past.

The same government has destroyed the \$17 billion international education industry. Even if we consider the statement right for some time then

1. It is not fair to change the immigration laws in the middle application process, as people have already devoted 2 to 4 years of their prime working life in Australia.
2. On the basis of present immigration laws, people have planned their future, and it is unfair to change laws with retrospective effect.

This is a unique step that Mr. Evans is going to take as the laws are made for future not for past. It is very myopic decision which would greatly harm Australia, because Migrants' contribution is vast - but inherently unpredictable. **Nobody could have guessed, when he arrived as a refugee from the Soviet Union aged six, that Sergey Brin would go on to co-found Google.** Had he been denied entry, and Google not been founded, America and the world would never have realized the opportunity that had been missed. The Australian government will doubtless turn away many potential Aussies with its misconceived legislation- not to mention deterring ambitious types from trying to come in the first place. We hope this legislation is dropped or defeated in the parliament.

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