

Dear Sirs,

Kindly allow me to address this issue to you for I believe that there is a valid justification to have the below case dealt with in the Parliament.

Present legislation excludes my son Karl Kratschmer from applying for Permanent Residency or Australian Citizenship although he has been studying in Darwin for NINE YEARS. Here is the background.

Karl (Austrian citizen, DOB 03/02/92) arrived in Darwin in January 2001 and completed his Primary and Secondary Education with success. He will finish Year 12 at Casuarina Senior College this year and initiate his medicine studies (Physiotherapy) in January 2011. After nine years in lovely Darwin full integration into the society has taken place and his desire to migrate on permanent basis to Australia should be awarded. Karl is a member of the Darwin Basketball team who recently toured Surabaya, Vietnam and will travel to Shanghai this year.

I understand that at present the Student visa category doesn't lead to PR and he can not be sponsored by other family members too (older than 18 years).

Your assistance in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Best regards,

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