

Dear members of the Senate Committee

I strongly oppose the Migration Amendment on grounds that making such an amendment would take the power away from the law and hand it to individuals by way of a discretionary decision. Furthermore, the discretionary nature of the amendment and the power given to individuals opens the government up to possible future inquiries into the decisions of such individuals, and why they were able to make such a ruling, rather than follow a clear set of guidelines set out by the law.

In the interests of upholding what the legal system is trying to achieve, we should pass laws that see that justice is administered through a clear set of laws determined and passed in Parliament, voted on and decided over by people with fairness and intention in mind. This Amendment would create a grey area in the law that allows an individual to make a judgement call which is contrary to the judiciary system and its mission. Individuals making such rulings can be biased and have cultural differences and preferences, they can be coerced, and if there is too much room to move by way of the law, the law may not be applied in the manner in which it was intended.

Kind Regards,

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