

Sir

Thank you for providing this opportunity to the common man to express his views. This new amendment, if passed, will not only destroy hopes of thousands to fulfill their Australian Dream but will also affect Australia's reputation on the international level. The frequent changing of rules without taking into consideration what the people have contributed to the Australian economy, in the years they have been here, is just overwhelmingly inconsiderate. This great nation needs people to build even a stronger and greater nation. The vast land will not flourish without arms to make it stronger. The new infrastructure developments will be of no use if there will be no one to take care of these services.

I think the government should take into consideration the amount of money and time spent by the applicants who are eagerly waiting for their decision. These people have not just waited, they have contributed so much to the economy of which they are not even considered a part yet.

Australia's reputation is at stake, these people will have few or no choices if they are not given a fair chance. Their efforts and patience will be futile and many will have to start their lives right from the beginning. I personally know many people who have been here for more than 5 years time and have worked hard to meet the requirements of the immigration department but just when it is time for them to reap benefit of their efforts, some new amendment takes all hope away from them.

I speak for a group of 20, who will be drastically affected if this amendment is not reviewed. Most of these men say their lives will come to a standstill and they don't think they will be able to trust any government body ever again.

I hope the government and minister will give this amendment a deep thought before taking any such steps. After all governments are run by humans and it will be inhumane to jeopardize lives and futures of people who have done significantly well to get where they are now.

I appreciate you for giving my views some consideration.

Kind regards