

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to oppose Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 for the following reasons:

1. The bill will cause a retrospective change because at the time of making application none of the applicants was notified that their applications could be capped and terminated, but after years of queuing what they are waiting for is still uncertain or negative. It will destroy the faith of people from overseas in Australia in terms of a stable and sustainable policy. It will also impair Australia's international image.
2. Visa capping will lead to are unfair and miserable results to on-shore applicants for the reason that they are living and most of them working in Australia for years, but they have to leave Australia immediately if their visa applications are capped and terminated (instead of leaving because of failing to meet the requirements of being granted a visa). Many of them bought shares, cars and properties here. And a lot of them are working and paying taxes. They have settled in Australia and considered themselves as Australian-To-Be, waiting the result of their application for years, but at last they may find out their applications being taken as never been made.
3. Australia will lose many high quality and loyal migrants if on-shore visa application can be capped and terminated. Those people are well educated and skilled, constructive to Australian society, and most importantly are serving and will still be willing to serve the local community. They have showed their loyalty to Australia as they are waiting determinations of their applications for an uncertain length of time and under an uncertain policy.

When I have lodged the application of 885 Visa (on-shore Independent Skill Migration) in June 2009 with the hope that my application will be finalised within 1 or 2 years (based on the processing time at the time I lodged the application). At that time CSL list had been introduced but no policy or guideline was made to clarify the time when my application would be finalised. After a few months I was told that my application was unlikely to be finalised before 2012 (base on the CSL list change made on 23 September 2009). In the past year I was living in such uncertainty and I am still not sure what result it will turn out and how long I have to wait for. I have been working and paying tax for nearly three years in Australia, and I am also serving my community such as donating to charities and working as a volunteer. However, I still put my faith in Australian government, hoping we will have a win-win policy to solve current problems.

I would appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,