

To whom it may concerns,

As an ordinary tax payer in Australia, I totally disagree with this Bill--**Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions]**.

I am writing to express my difficult situation in waiting for my PR visa for more than 21 months onshore. I submitted my general skilled migration **sub-class 885** application on **1st of August 2008** and the application status has been changed to "Further" on **26 November, 2008**. Now it has been more than 17 months since the last update of my application.

I have been employed as a permanent full time position in a global corporation that is related with my university major since Nov 2008, three months after I applied the permanent resident. After staying in this position as Web Designer and Developer for one year, I was promoted to the position of **Senior Web Designer and Developer** of which includes more responsibilities with company projects and may need overseas training or trips. Staying in the bridging visa is very inconvenient for my current job as it has travel restrictions.

Moreover, it also affects my personal life. I have been in Australia for more than four years, and it has been almost three years since my last visit to my parents. At the end of 2009 (with a bridging visa, until now), I planned to visit my parents in China, but when I went to the immigration office in Parramatta, **I was told only when my close family members in China were seriously sick, and then I can be given the bridging visa B to go back visit my parents.** I felt so disappointed when I heard about this new policy for applicants on the bridging visa A. The reason I chose to apply for my permanent resident visa to stay and work in Australia is that I think Australia is a humane country and everyone is treated fairly and has freedom. Unfortunately what I have seen and experienced is unfairness with the applications and hopeless long waiting.

Even though I haven't been granted my PR visa, in the past 22 months, I have been living and working in Australia as a Permanent resident in the community. I have contributed to the community as a continuous tax payer. When I submitted my PR visa application, I was told by the immigration office that the application result will be advised within 6 months. It has now been more than 22 months and I still haven't heard any updates from the authority.

Additionally, since I have found my permanent full time position after my application for PR was submitted, I have been told that the immigration office will not accept my new documents of **employer sponsorship** as part of my current application unless I withdraw the application and submit a new one. I feel it is a blind spot in the whole application procedure. Similar applicants in my situation are not been taken care at all. Moreover, part of my daily working is specialised with **SIEBEL** system, which is one of the demanded careers on the MODL (that is, on **Critical Skilled List**) but the current application procedure cannot allow me to further prove or notify this fact in the application process.

I am still waiting for any updates of my PR visa application, and I hope I can use my annual leave in this August to visit my parents in overseas. It has been almost 3 years since my last visit to my parents, who really miss me now. I wish the final approval of my application could be released within two years since I lodged.

You will be appreciated if you can pass the message for the applicants like me who have wait near two years to the decision maker of the GSM case(DIAC), we were told the whole process time is 6 months when we lodged the applications two years ago, and we can do nothing to help with right now, only wait, wait and wait, even my life plans with my partner has to be changed due to the visa reason, such as having a baby, buying property, visiting parents, and etc, everything has to be delayed, and delayed again. The sad feeling cannot be expressed by these few words.

Wish we can be treated fairly, thanks for reading time.

Best regards,

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