

First of all, I believe the Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010 [Provisions] will give too much power to the Minister of Migration and DIAC. I doubt the minister, as a single man, can completely understand hundreds of or even thousands of individual application's situations and make fully objective evaluations. Although as in the second speech paper, it pointed out that the CAP decision will be made based on the existing law and standard, it is ambiguous as it was. The applicants will have no right to review their cases when those applications are capped controversially. It is simply unfair. Issues like time and focus that the applicants contributed to their applications have not been considered at all.

The second opinion I am holding is that GSM applicants have a significant contribution to the Australian economy during the last decade. Most of those general skilled migrants are well educated and they inject fresh energy into Australian industries. These people and their love to the new home Australia is one of the most important forces that propel Australia in the nowadays big world. We also hardly see new migrant living on their social benefit, instead, they often finding a job as soon as they can and do real good to the society. I also doubt the opinion that the migrants lower the employment opportunities that are for the Australian locals. As far as I can see, some Australian citizens would prefer to living on social benefits than working hard. It is somehow unfair to those hard working Australian locals, migrants, ongoing migrants and other tax payers.

Furthermore, I want to use the situation of my wife and myself as an example to prove that the proposed amendment is unreasonable to everyone like us. My wife and I came to Australia for Master studies four years ago. Both of us obtained two master degrees with the grade of average distinction. During the last four years, we have fallen in love with this beautiful country with fresh air and amazing landscape. We then launched the GSM application both as professional translators. Although the time we launched the application was August 2009 which is long before the new SOL came out, this proposed amendment will, if passed, give the minister the power to cap our case unfairly. My wife worked as a part-time nursing assistant in a nursing home, taking a good care of aged Australian people, and her workmates and supervisors all like her and give a good compliment to her. All our tuition fees and living costs such as rentals, grocery shoppings, petrol, cars are stimulating Australian consumptions, imagine multiplying the number of foreign students and ongoing migrant? How much that big number will affect Australian economy and tax income? Although applying as a professional translator, I am also a Cisco Certified Internet Expert in Security path, I believe I will benefit Australia with my own expertise and the love to the country, and as the same time I doubt if the minister will cap our applications simply because the professional translator is not in the new SOL, without knowing all of our contributions and love to Australia and leaving us no right to review. That will be possible and unimaginable. If unfortunately this happens with the proposed amendment passed, my wife and I and a large number of people like us will be very sad and disappointed.

In a conclusion, I am upholding the thoughts not giving the Minister of Migration the power to cap the applications and terminate the ongoing applications at all. It is only good to the bureaucracy of administration system. Facts during last decade proves that Australia needs a new round of economical improvements and those measures that can really make government services more effective without this sort of unreasonable power.