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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Re: My comment on Migration Amendment visa capping Bill 2010

I strongly disagree with the Migration Amendment visa capping Bill 2010. This bill could give Minister for immigration too much power for capping and ceasing on all types of visa applications existing on the system and on those applications lodged in future. Although the Minister for Immigration argues that he will use this power rarely and only to GSM at present, there is no guarantee that this power will not be used on other situations that the Minister believes necessary. Without any limitation and restriction, this power could be misused by current or future Minister and therefore may cause severe consequences on the reputation of the value and spirit of Australia.

The other concern I have is that committee must well-discuss and carefully decide any bills proposed by the Department of Immigration. The policy in this department is always not efficient and even not good for this country. The good example is the board policy which is attracting or even encourage so many asylum seekers arrived Australia in recent years. This is definitely related to the policy of the Department of Immigration and is a good example that they always have the bad or wrong policy. Therefore, it is important for the committee to evaluate the bills proposed by this department.

Yours sincerely,