

Dear Members of Senate Committee,

I would like to express my view on the Capping Bill. I understand that Australia wants to pick the best most needed candidates and protect the local job market. However, if this bill has become a retroactive law it is not only unfair to those who have lodged an application but also it is a violation of the rule of law. And it will ruin the reputation of Australia.

The priority processing has put people's life on hold. These people have shelled out thousands of dollars and made a huge commitment in order to migrate to Australia. Those who applied onshore are working full time or part time, paying taxes and have become valuable contributor to the economy. If the would-be law said no to these people, how would this fit into the fair-go value that Australia has been upholding? Is Australia only fair to permanent residents and citizens?

What's more, it has a reverred effect which DIAC is not intended as those who are highly skilled and want certainty to plan their life ahead will choose other destinations over Australia, such as Canada. Australia, as a free and democratic society, has a choice to end the uncertainty in a painful, damaging and inhumane way or a fair and just way.

In a word, I oppose the capping bill that applies to those who have a pending permanent residency application.