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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee  
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**Migration Amendment (Visa Capping) Bill 2010  
OPPOSITION TO THE BILL**

We strongly oppose the capping or ceasing of lodged skilled migration applications under this new legislation. On behalf of All International Students Association, we think it is grossly unfair to cut short the hopes and future contributions of thousands of skilled migrants. Our members have not only invested thousands of dollars in their migration process, but also invested significant time in achieving the education, which is only meaningful only in Australia. Further, our members have invested in properties, they have planned excitedly with family and they have gained insight from settled migrants by chatting on migration forums.

Australia is well known for giving a "Fair-Go" for battlers. Termination of applications under this new power will leave applicant with no right to appeal whatsoever. Therefore, it will compromise Australia's reputation of a "fair go".

Our members are not only case numbers. We're talking about people's lives and livelihoods. There must be an alternative to capping or ceasing that allows skilled migrants to enter Australia to meet our economic or industry needs.

The proposed bill will have significant impact on our members. The likely impact will not only limited to financial but also include mental health of International student in this country. International student contributed, and still contributing about \$16B, when Australia was going through recession.

We hope that you take our submission into account.

Yours sincerely,

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