

Dear Sir/Madam, A few years back myself and my partner took a year off work and travelled the world. We came to Australia on a Working Holiday Visa and promptly fell in love with your beautiful country. We returned to the UK and worked hard to save up enough money to relocate to Australia permanently. Upon looking at the different visas, even though we have both worked all our lives in good jobs, the jobs weren't on your skilled list. We looked at our options and what skills Australia were short of and I noticed that hairdressing was one of those. My sister is a hairdresser and had always told me what a fun and rewarding career it was. I thought maybe I would give it a go, get retrained and start a new life in Australia. After months of research we decided on the Gold Coast school of Hairdressing

I paid a lot of money for this course, much more than the local Tafe as I wanted that experience on live people and that is what I got. Customers were paying my school for my work after 10 intensive weeks training. I completed my course in December 2008 and applied for a Permanent Skilled Visa after being sponsored by family.

I have now heard that there are plans to terminate certain temporary visas with no chance of an appeal and am absolutely devastated by this information.

We even got married here recently and both myself and my husband have permanent full time jobs and can't imagine having to uproot and start all over again back in the UK.

We feel that Australia is our home and our friends and family live over here.

I feel it is so unfair to keep changing the rules; Australia needs trades people and I have been happy enough to pay \$20,000 for the best training I could find and now I will have to take my skills home or to another country. We have brought a lot of money into this country and are happy to work hard for more.

I understand that certain people have been exploiting the system but the majority of potential migrants have the same attitude as myself and just want a fair go. It was a huge decision to move to the other side of the world and has cost a lot of time and money. All I want is the chance to remain here and contribute and I hope you take these views into consideration.

I appreciate your time and attention in this matter. Yours sincerely