

Dear Australian migration officer,

I was so disappointed when I first heard this “Visa Capping”. I do not know whether the government realized how bad the effect will be. Everybody understands the difficulties that the government is facing now, high unemployment rate, bad economic condition, complicated international relationship with other countries, and so on. However, before taking this proposal to the final stage, could you think about how many the foreigners contribute to this country?

I came to Sydney as an overseas student in the year 2000. At that time, I finished my high school education in Singapore, and entered into Sydney local university with excellent academic result.

I have been in Australia for more than 5 years, and that is the most important time in my life. I received the best education here, which provided me with the firmest foundation for my future development. I learnt driving and got driver’s license here, I still remembered how excited I was on that day. I met my first boyfriend here, I saw my friend pass away in a car accident here, I opened my own business here.....There are so many my “first time” here. Could you imagine how Australia is important to me!

I bought three cars in the five years without finance. I rent a house and make payment without any delay. I have part-time job when I am a student, and immediately get a full time job after I graduate. I pay tax to the government every year. I believe I made a great contribution to your development. Furthermore, because of the existence of foreign people like me, Australian becomes more competitive in the labor market. They are willing to learn more, to work longer and more opened view to the global economic development. All of these secured Australia’s stable development.

This proposal may help the government to solve the current conflict in the society, but for the long-term interest, there will be an unexpected adverse effect. The foreign country will no longer trust Australian government, the international reputation will be destroyed forever. The Australian economic will face to a great hit that they never have before due to the great loss of overseas students. The social harmony will be threatened to the highest level, and social unrest is unavoidable.

All the government officers, please think about the pros and cons before you make the final decision for this proposal. All the overseas students should be treated fairly!!!!