

THE PARLIMENTARY ENQUIRY COMMISSION

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RE: THE PLIGHT OF FOREIGN DOCTORS IN AUSTRALIA

I ,MY PATIENTS AND MY FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED TREMENDOUS ANXIETY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2010 WHEN THE SCI FOLLOWED BY MY DEREGISTRATION.

MY WIFE WAS ON THE VERGE OF ACUTE CLINICAL DEPRESSION AND WE WERE LOST AND SHOCKED THAT WE WOULD BE DEPORTED IN 28 DAYS FROM THE COUNTRY WHICH WELCOMED ME AND FAMILY .THE FACT THAT I SERVED THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY OVER THE 6YEARS WITHOUT INCIDENT AND I OWN A HOME HERE AND MY CHILDREN SCHOOL HERE WAS NOT EVEN CONSIDERED .**WHY SHOULD I HAVE BEEN TREATED LIKE A CRIMINAL AND DEPORTED** .DURING THAT PERIOD I SPOKE TO OTHER DOCTORS AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT HAVE LEFT BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT GET THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION THEY NEEDED. I WAS COUNSELLING A DOCTOR OVER THE PHONE FOR WEEKS BEFORE HE HAD TO LEAVE . HE SAVED AUSTRALIAN LIVES FOR 12 YEARS WITHOUT [REDACTED]

I WOULD LIKE THE PARLIMENTARY ENQUIRY TO ADDRESS THE ABHORRENT TREATMENT OF FOREIGN DOCTORS . WHY DO DOCTORS HAVE TO BE SUBJECTED TO DRACONIAN SCI WHEN THEY HAVE WORKED IN AREAS OF NEED UNDER SUPERVISION AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO GET THEIR FULL REGISTRATION.IN MY OPINION IT IS BEING USED AS TOOL TO DICRIMINATE AGAINST DOCTORS WHO HAVE PASSED THEIR IELTS AND AMC EXAMS BEFORE THEY WORK IN AUSTRALIA AND FOR THE FOREIGN DOCTORS ALREADY WORKING IN AUSTRALIA.THE MESSAGE ALL FOREIGN DOCTORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES BESIDE S THE UK ,NZ ,CANADA IS THAT AUSTRALIA IS PURSING A FORM OF RACIAL FILTRATION , IT'S OBVIOUS ISN'T IT !.

I WAS WELCOMED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD TO FILL AN AREA OF NEED IN 2004 UNDER 135 TO WORK UNDER SUPERVISION .I WAS PERSONALLY WELCOMED BY A PROFESSOR APPOINTED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD AFTER CHECKING MY CREDENTIALS FOR THE LAST TIME.

IN 2010 I HAD 6 LEGAL DAYS LEFT BEFORE I AND MY FAMILY WOULD BE DEPORTED TO SOUTH AFRICA,FORTUNATELY FOR ME I WAS GIVEN A REPRIEVE BY THE JUDICIAL SYTEM AND A STAY OF THE MEDICAL BOARDS DECISION WAS IMPOSED PENDING THE OUTCOME OF A TRIBUNAL ENQUIRY, WHICH WOULD TAKES PLACE THIS YEAR SOMETIME.CURRENTLY A FEW OF THE DOCTORS IN A SIMILAR POSITION ARE CONSIDERING THE MEDICAL BOARDS REQUEST TO DROP THE TRIBUNAL ENQUIRY.

I HAVE WORKED IN THE COUNTRY TOWN OF LOWOOD FOR 6.5 YEARS AND ENJOY TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM MY PATIENTS . MY CHILDREN COMMENCED THEIR SCHOOLING IN AUSTRALIA THEY ARE NOW 6 AND 11 YEARS OLD MY WIFE IS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS RECENTLY STARTED WORKING .

IN 2007 I WAS TOLD TO GET MY FULL REGISTRATION BY 2011.THE MEDICAL BOARD SET" THEIR REASONABLE" TIMETABLE OF PROGRESS TO FULL REGISTRATION.THERE WERE LIMITATIONS TO ACQUIRING THIS AS THE RACGP WANTED AUSTRALIAN /FOREIGN GP EXPERIENCED ASSESSED WHICH TOOK TIME.

I HAD MY 1ST OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE MY EXAMS RACGP IN AUGUST 2009.I WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL , AND AS I DID NOT MEET THE BOARDS TIMETABLE THE MEDICAL BOARD PULLED THE SCI OUT OF NOWHERE AND I WAS FORCED TO ATTEND SCI WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE ACCRM.WHICH WAS A INTERVIEW WITH X3 GP'S WITH FOUR CLINICAL SCENARIOS IN A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR **NB.** THIS WAS NOT AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED.THE OUTCOME WAS NEGATIVE SOME OF THE REASONS CITED WERE RIDICULOUS E.G POOR UNDERSTANDING OF AUSTRALIAN CULTURE AND IDIOMS AND POOR COMMUNICATION .ACCRM ADVISED THE BOARD THAT I WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR FURTHER REGISTRATION AND THE MEDICAL BORAD DEREGISTERD ME WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE MY STAY IN AUSTRALIA ILLEGAL AFTER 28 DAYS .THE MEDICAL ALSO TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO INFORM THE DIAC (IMMIGRATION DEPT) THAT THE DOCTOR WOULD BE ILLEGAL.

I HOPE I HAVE GIVEN A CONCISE ACCOUNT AND I HOPE THAT A NON- RACIAL AND HUMAN POLICY IS ADOPTED, AND SOME APPRECIATION IS SHOWN TO FOREIGN DOCTORS WORKING IN AUSTRALIA, FOLLOWING THIS SPARLIMENTRY ENQUIRY

YOURS SINCERELY

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