

- All non-citizens seeking to come to, or remain in, Australia are expected to be of good character and to abide by our laws.
- The Australian Government takes seriously its responsibility to protect the community from the risk of harm arising from those non-citizens who choose to engage in criminal activity or other serious conduct of concern.
- The Department had issued two previous warnings (in 2007 and 2010) to Ms Caric as to the potential immigration consequences if she continued to offend.
- The Department confirm that Ms Caric's visa was cancelled while she was in prison, on the basis of her previous substantial criminal history.
- The character provisions under section 501 of the Migration Act 1958 (the Act) allow the Department or the Minister to refuse to grant, or to cancel a visa, where a person is found not to be of good character. The Government strengthened these provisions in December 2014 through legislative amendments. The changes allow the Department to more effectively and efficiently prevent and reduce risks to the Australian community.

From 11 December 2014 (when legislative changes were introduced) to 28 February 2017, 2,358 non-citizens have had their visas cancelled under section 501 of the Act.