

Dear Hon, Maria Vamvakinou

“It is timely to consider whether a new policy on multiculturalism is needed, and how to ensure the Government’s social inclusion agenda also meets the needs of migrant communities.

We could ask what is meant by, "the Government’s social inclusion agenda"?

Is this different to assimilation?

Does this suggest that this inquiry is more about 'accommodating the needs of migrants', rather than requiring migrants to actually assimilate into our existing Australian 'culture'?

There is a great deal of difference between 'immigration' and 'multiculturalism'.

A country can welcome people from across the world and invite them to become Australians and while some of their ways will certainly permeate society, we want our culture to stay basically Australian, underpinned by our Christian heritage.

We must point out the importance of Australia remaining based on, and underpinned by, the Christian values this nation was founded on.

Multiculturalism invites people to bring their 'culture' / 'worldview' with them, suggests all cultures are equal, and that people never really need to become 'Australians'.

Yes, of course we can invite people to share the good parts of their particular ethnic culture with us so that we can learn how others live, but that does not mean we have to agree with their values or share their worldview.

If they want to change this nation to suit their values then that crosses the line and becomes unacceptable.

That is not racist - it is a fact that all cultures are not equal as all nations' laws and values are not equally good.

There is a lot of talk from our media at the moment about the "battle for democracy" in the Middle East, but we need to ask "what do the people on the ground in the Middle East, as opposed to the Western media, really mean by democracy"?

We have little doubt that their idea of 'democracy' is very different to the type of democracy we are supposed to have in Australia. Many of them see Islamic Sharia Law as 'democracy' - yet Muslim Imams have stated that western democracy is an offence to Islam.

That said, we could well ask 'what do Australians mean by democracy?' but that is another issue altogether.

Many people thought 'Multiculturalism' originally meant that we accept people from other countries because they want to come here and 'be Australian'. Sadly, that perception has been changed.

Multiculturalism today is generally accepted, especially by the so-called 'left' of politics, as meaning that all cultures are equal and we should adjust to accommodate all cultures and all values which ultimately means losing the Australian 'identity' and blending it into... Into what? That is the problem, what does it become?

Thank you

Kind Regards