

Federal Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia

The Chair of the Committee, Maria Vamvakinou MP

Australia's reputation as a free, open, and prosperous nation is envied and appropriately attracts immigrants. However, the values, laws, and political system which has created our freedoms and prosperity must be understood and protected.

While immigration contributes to the vibrancy and colour of Australia we must not destroy our nation through misguided notions of multiculturalism.

There can only be one mainstream culture and therefore value and law system for any nation. Otherwise social discord is inevitable. Migrants must come to this nation with a willingness to not only honour their own heritage and culture but to assimilate into mainstream Australian culture. It is this culture which has carved out our freedoms and prosperity. Any student of history will discover that our values of individual freedom (including religious), respect for human life, checks and balances on power, and equality before the law are grounded in the Judo-Christian ethic.

If multiculturalism implies multiple law systems civil chaos is inevitable. The freedom to practice private religion is one thing but to enshrine that religion (e.g. Sharia law) in the laws of the nation is another. Australia, along with all Western nations, is already the product of religious values - the Judo-Christian faiths. Our values, enshrined in our legal and political systems, have already created free and prosperous nations which are the envy of the rest of the world. This is not a matter of racial and ethnic superiority but a matter of history - our Judo-Christian heritage has laid the foundation for what we currently enjoy.

As Australians we are the custodians of a wonderful culture, producing a free and prosperous nation. It has been entrusted to us by previous generations. Let us not destroy it for those that are yet to come.

Sincerely

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