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Hello.

I am just your typical traditional Aussie who loves her country.

I have witnessed many changes in my area over the past 30yrs and it has become unrecognizable to what it once was.

Over this time I have seen many old families move out and people from other countries move in, at first I thought it was good to have a few different nationalities and cultures around but then I began to see changes that I did not like. Crime and ethnic originated gangs were beginning to be the norm instead of the exception and I began to see many women with head coverings and men with beards. English become a broken barrage of words that were hard to understand, shops were inhabited by people unable to converse with.

A decade later and I regret to say I hate my area, I feel like an outsider, I do not like what I see and if this is multiculturalism then I think that in another 10yrs we, as Australians will be known as the trash-bin of the West. I want our country to be one of rich culture, singular. We have already embraced enough races, so we are multi racial I think but as far as multi 'cultures' goes, well there are many who are here and whose cultures I do not like nor wish to sing the praises of. The Islamic culture/way of life being one that immediately springs to mind. I have seen sharia creeping in and that is dangerous, and our Govt.'s are smart enough to know that. I mention the Islamic culture because in my area it is dominated by them, it is an enclave and that too is not what Australia is about. I see too much moving away from Australian tradition and culture and becoming something that is not 'typically Aussie'.

My view is that multiculturalism is not good for Australia and only encourages more wants, segregation, and appearement and cotton balling of minorities.

If you are lucky enough to settle here I say you must embrace us, our people, our Heritage, our way of life, our values, ethics and morals, our culture.

**SYDNEY** 

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