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Ms Sophie Dunstone
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Dear Ms Dunstone,

**Re: Inquiry into the Australian Citizenship and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2014**

Thank you for the invitation received on 31 October 2014 to make a submission to the above Inquiry.

Until recently, the Institute has not conducted any major research directly relating to this topic. However, in 2012 we commenced a specific research project focussing on Building a New Life in Australia (BNLA), which tracks the progress of 1500 migrating units on their journey to eligibility for citizenship. Over time, as this longitudinal study progresses, the outcomes of the project will be useful in addressing these issues.

An outline of the methods, topic areas and timelines for the BNLA study can be found at <http://www.aifs.gov.au/bnla>.

We also have a number of resources for the child/family welfare sector accessible through our Child Family Community Australia information exchange. Please see: [https://www3.aifs.gov.au/cfca/search/site/migrant?f\[0\]=sm_vid_Tags%3ACulturally%20and%20linguistically%20diverse%20families](https://www3.aifs.gov.au/cfca/search/site/migrant?f[0]=sm_vid_Tags%3ACulturally%20and%20linguistically%20diverse%20families).

Yours sincerely,

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