

In Response to The public enquiry into the citizenship bill

Dear Senate Committee

I am writing to air my concerns of what I believe to be justice miscarriage by those in position of power. (Liberals/Nationals-One Nation)

I am appalled that they are talking of increasing PR wait period for citizenship from 1 year to 4 years. They are negating to tell the mass and the media that the same immigrants would have stayed when summed maybe up to 15 years in various student and skilled visas such as the then 457 visas before securing the PR. Current law indicates that 4 years of legal stay in Australia with PR stay of at least 1 year in those 4 years. Hence only a shallow minded person would say the person needs to be acculturated to Australian values further?? How much more do they intend to beat the immigrants' spirits? They are making it seem like people are coming from overseas on PR and getting citizenship in 1 year . I wonder if Turnbull even understands the legislation or Dutton per say? It seems to be that Dutton is sucking his colleague into dark pits who is less informed on this or pretending to be. The unsubstantiated claims that already police vetted and okayed Permanent Residence holders are a now a national security threat suddenly because they now want Citizenship really baffles me, This fear mongering rhetoric is counterproductive to social cohesion, multiculturalism and the real fight against real threats as at a later stage people will become complacent and learn not to take the Government seriously as they play politics with such big issues. These immigrants pay tax like anyone and are hard workers as well, they speak English. I am sure they positively contribute economically, value wise and through expertise. There is a difference between refugees and skilled immigrants and one can't correct past errors by a blanket unthoughtful policy. Also what's the rush to effect such legislation without even a grandfathering period whereby current PR holders are given a fair go by allowing them to get their citizenship based on previous legislation (which appears reasonably rigorous as it stands) and they have played by the rules. Bear in mind some PR holders have been left with few months to qualify and have been in the wheel already for many years having made lifelong decision based on the then set guidelines ?? This is so unfair as most of these people would have made many big decisions of their lives based on current policy and then 2 liberal politicians then decide to shift goal posts for egocentric motives. I.e. keeping their jobs after PM is now being held hostage with their right wing party and now seeking to turn their fortunes via a Nationalist populace wave with hallmarks of xenophobia. What makes it even more dividing is that they are now creating a multi- teared PR levels as now New Zealand nationals are now being said they are safe from such rules changes. So other PR holders are special than others? This is a racist and discriminatory policy no wonder why One Nation is celebrating. Why take Australia many years backwards?, guys we are better than this.

The other recommendations on citizenship questions i.e domestic violence related content. I agree there is an issue there. It is not okay for anyone residing in Australian being a citizen or not to perpetrate such domestic violence atrocities. But please the selling is pathetic, they should stop misleading the public, giving them a notion that the immigrants are the source of such problems in wider Australia. Fight against Ice addiction amongst other drugs would be a good way of addressing such Australian inherent pandemic as in most cases they are intrinsically linked. Also investing in social awareness will be a good idea. Furthermore the judicial body has clear laws which binds any person staying in Australia either citizen or not. So let us not be silly really to think that patronizing questions will do the trick. Also rigorous full on

criminal checks would have already be done on PR. I don't see how a dehumanising hollow pledge against such specific issues helps as anyone can just parrot the lowly blaming questions? We are making it seem like all immigrants initially thought it was right to perpetrate violence. I don't think all immigrants have that mind set honestly. Really how does it help the community at large? We would be naive to say the problem is caused by immigrants.

Putting another English standalone test is an insult to skilled immigrants' i.e Doctors who would have done it on 457 then on PR. So why continue duplicating it? unless we saying 10 years + of residency in Australia does erode the vocabulary of people who were previous fluent in English when they were tested before?, or is it all about frustrating them and make more money via IELTS revenue stream for the government? If truly the issue is to ensure they speak English, let's not continue wasting these people's money with bureaucratic discriminatory centred red tape. As it would have already been satisfied and how on earth will the doctors or other health experts be treating patients all along when we think they can't speak the English which i bet most parliamentarians would fail the IELTS themselves??? Honestly many Liberal politicians are not much informed or super arrogant are be swayed by the liberal propoganda who are hiding the merits and structure of the current citizenship legislation as they are quoting small bit out of context on this I guess. I am really chuffed with Tony Burkes and around this whole political gimmick. It was refreshing to hear Honourable Tony Burke speak sense with factual examples as Dutton has non of course and advocate for the pawns who are on PR now caught in this political chess web. Honestly Tony Burke has sound understanding to the immigration system and hasn't suspended reason like most have. Greens and Xenophon team have all showed substance to call bluff to Dutton's lies. It makes me wonder if Peter Dutton is fit to lead the job he holds. It is worrisome honestly how he can easily destabilize the country with his lies around national security issues. Much respect to politicians standing up to these bullies your advocacy against social injustice is commendable. Those who genuinely advocate for social justice. I think the affected people need you more than ever and they are a reasonable number. Liberals have indeed lost of relevance and respect from enlightened voters as this is a bad policy which does not pass a pub sniff test.

I am appealing for your support and also to please help shed light even to most parliamentarians such as Turnbull who has no understanding on Australia's need for the PR holders who are skilled professionals, who are already Aussie values acculturated, lived some on excess of 4-15 years on different visas in Australia, they are competent professionals, contribute immensely to the benefit of Australian economy. Now they are being roughed up for the sake of one party political gain. I don't think other Parties will politically benefit from bipartisan support on the blanket issue if anything it would serve to alienate a good number of prospective voters if they turn a blind eye to this calamity.

Let us not use Trump like racist charged sentiments of saying us and them. By doing so we would be forgetting that Australia we pride ourselves as a successful Multicultural Country built on immigrants' contribution as well. Go to any Regional hospital you will be humbled by the immense contributions they bring to our Country. This is a bad politically motivated move to supplicant liberal right wing, one nation and saving Turnbull's job. There is no fair go here,

which is one of our values which I doubt Dutton and Turnbull even know. Let us work on change when there is need . When the system is not broken why try to fix it and ending up breaking it.

Regards