Australian Parliament Joint Standing Committee on Migration Submission No. 104

Dear Madam,

We have just become aware of this Inquiry and wish to make some comments. You mention the "Government's social inclusion agenda". What is this? Is it different to assimilation? While not objecting to Immigration in an orderly way, it is with the expectation that migrants will be happy to assimilate into our established way of life. Our society is based on Biblical principles, and this has proved to be a peaceful and prosperous basis. Other similar Western cultures have also found this to be so. We believe all people are equal, but not all societies' values or laws are equal, and we are yet to be convinced that present developments are an improvement. Sadly, when one considers the low standard of living and lack of freedom in many other nations with completely different basic beliefs, one becomes concerned that some of our migrants strangely wish to change Australian values to the discredited values of the society from which they have come. Presumably they wished to migrate to Australia to benefit from the standard of living here, so it is unacceptable for them to now wish to replace our proven basis for one which has proved unsatisfactory.

This situation becomes very pronounced when Christianity and Islam are compared. The ever growing number of Moslem immigrants is becoming alarming, even as it has been at last recognised in Europe. The Koranic basis of Islam commands followers to infiltrate and overcome other nations, as they have done throughout history, and eventually impose Sharia law. This process is now becoming evident in Australia, and we, along with many other Australians, are becoming alarmed, and would like to see multiculturalism subjected to strict guidelines. By all means, we can all benefit from some cultural exchanges, but things are moving beyond this into something more sinister, which will threaten our freedoms and whole way of life. It would seem that a greater emphasis should be placed on migrants to learn about our heritage, and publicly endorse that they will assimilate into our culture and not try to change it to a less successful model.

I pray that this Enquiry will seriously consider these concerns, and some action be taken to avoid the social breakdown that will result if the present free-and-easy approach is continued.