

To the The Federal Parliament's Migration Committee,
Thank you for the opportunity to express opinions and concerns. I trust you are open to comments from people like me, Australian born and bred. The term 'multiculturalism' has come to mean people from all countries coming to Australia and instead of realising that Australia has laws and customs which all citizens should ideally acknowledge and follow, they expect us to change our laws to accommodate them. This way of thinking has increased among our immigrants and is increasingly marginalising long standing citizens, because the governments have considered the demands of some immigrant groups to a very worrying extent. This is unhelpful at best, for the future of Australia, and at worst will totally undermine the fabric of our society. You would be well aware that if we go to other countries we need to abide by the laws of that country. The same should apply when they come to our country.

I am not racist, and I am happy for people to come to Australia, as long as they want to fit into, and not change, our culture to suit the very culture they have moved away from. What does the policy of 'social inclusion' mean? Surely requiring and encouraging in every possible way, migrants to actually assimilate into our existing Australian 'culture' would be the best way to make them feel included, rather than changing our way of life to suit them.

While we do welcome people from across the world and invite them to become Australians and while some of their ways will certainly permeate society, we want our culture to stay basically Australian, underpinned by our Christian heritage. It is important to me and many others that Australia remains based on, and underpinned by, the Christian values this nation was founded on.

Multiculturalism invites people to bring their 'culture' / 'worldview' with them, and suggests that people never really need to become 'Australians'. Many people thought 'Multiculturalism' originally meant that we accept people from other countries because they want to come here and 'be Australian'. Sadly, that perception has been changed. Evidence from Europe is now so clear that we should all know what the results of today's multiculturalism really are. The reason many people come here is because Australia is based on Christian values. The freedom we have comes from believing that ALL people are equal and should have equal opportunity to be fully integrated into Australian society.

Yours faithfully,