

FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO MULTICULTURALISM IN AUSTRALIA

ADDENDUM

“Our country, our rules” – excerpt from “The Librarians” TV show.

On 6th April I forwarded a submission regarding the above topic (reproduced below). I should like to supply more information regarding our personal experiences.

- 1971 – migrated to Australia.
- Lived in a caravan until a relative found us a place to rent. When I walked into it I thought, “Nice big hallway”. It turned out to be the lounge room.
- We both had work within two weeks.
- Obtained a loan through a building society at huge percentage rate (bank would not loan us money – wife’s earnings not taken into account). Bought first house.
- Enquired about going to a teacher training college – one at the end of our street. Education department officer – “Get yourself some Australian qualifications – yours are not recognisable”.
- Working full time – did two years of night school to get those ‘recognisable qualifications’.
- Working full time – did a university degree – took six years.
- We both worked until retirement age.

What does the above say? We came to Australia because we wanted to be Australians. We did not wish to change anyone or have them adapt to our way of thinking. We were prepared to get stuck in and work hard, accept the status quo – and not whine!

As most Aussies say – “Don’t like what you hear about us? Don’t come. If you are here and you’ve found you don’t like it – go home – don’t try to get us to change”.

Some friends of ours from Holland were told by their mother when they arrived here, “From now on, we don’t speak Dutch. We speak only English.”

There should be only one culture – the Australian culture. It is unique and we bitterly resent any incursions into it.

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SUBMISSION –

I believe that the term ‘multiculturalism’ should be deleted from the English lexicon - minorculturalism more accurately describes what is happening in Australia and what has happened around the world. Absorbing the multi-culture into the minor-culture and compelling nationals to adapt to the ethos of immigrants.

Australians being as they are – laid back and living with a ‘she’ll be right’ attitude - will accept people from other nations – as they have done for decades, but when those minor cultures threaten to subsume our own, they become biased against those cultures.

We have accepted into our nation, people from dozens of other lands because in the main, they have come wanting to be Australian. People from Muslim nations have become a worrying phenomenon in that for the most part, they simply want to transfer their own culture to this land of ours and have set themselves apart here as they have in other lands which have generously opened their doors to them.

Holland is a case in point. Ayaan Hirsi Alli writes in her book “Infidel” of the attitude of Somali (Muslim) refugees who were prepared to take everything that Holland had to offer, but yet despise the Dutch people. Dutch authorities believed that Muslims should be “*allowed to set up Quranic schools on Dutch soil. There should be government subsidies for Muslim community groups. To force*

Muslims to adapt to Dutch values was thought to conflict with those values; people ought to be free to believe and behave as they wish". Holland is now reaping the consequences of those policies.

I quote from "Infidel" again : "... Somalis weren't integrating into Dutch society. (they) just chewed qat all night and sat around talking about how horrible Holland was"

Christopher Caldwell suggests that many North Africans were not going to Europe to embrace European values, but to continue their North African life, with its values at a European living standard and at the expense of the European taxpayer.

Yet the officials of these countries who have offered shelter to people claiming to be refugees are so willing to bend over backwards to make them feel at home – but the immigrants are not at **their** home, they are at **our** home and should want to adjust to feeling at home in **our culture** and not want to re-establish enclaves supporting the culture from which they have fled.

Thousands of Brits are coming to Australia because they can no longer live in the mish-mash that England has become. Muslim migrants have set up their own Muslim justice system; they have their own banks and parliament and it is just now dawning on the British government that they have made the wrong call.

David Cameron was quoted quite recently as saying : "*We've even tolerated these segregated communities behaving in ways that run completely counter to our values.*" He advocated that accepting countries should promote and communicate their values (start at the emigration centres!!) and that people who become citizens of a country have to sign up for those values. If prospective immigrants believe they cannot do that, they should be counselled not to emigrate.

Australia is blindly treading the same path as Europe – banning activities which are at the heart of **our** traditions - nativity plays, Easter and Christmas celebrations in case Muslim sensitivities are offended. Our nation was founded on Christian values and we should not be prepared to disregard them to pander to minor cultures. If we run on the premise that what has happened in Europe could not happen here, we are avoiding reality. Geoff Kennett has said that Australia must ensure that it does not import the issues of countries overseas. He has said "People make the choice to come to Australia and have to accept our way of life", but naturally, that does not mean that they have to eat pork and drink alcohol to fit in with the Aussie way of life.

As far back as 1984 Professor Geoffrey Blainey commented "under a multicultural policy, Australia would become a nation of tribes".

A recent poll asked "Has Australia's multicultural approach worked?" – 75.27% said that it had not.

Europe is finally waking up to what has happened to their unique ways of life – Switzerland has banned minarets, France has banned the burqua and headscarves; France's president, Germany's Angel Merkel, Britain's Prime Minister Cameron and Spain's Joe Maria Aznar have all said that multiculturalism has failed completely.

One Australian columnist has written : "In Britain the BBC boss says Islam should be treated differently from other religions" – it should, but certainly not in the positive manner that he is suggesting. The article also stated : "American publishers pull books that might offend Muslim sensibilities.". Another columnist wrote that he had "wandered into a Muslim bookshop and was "astounded to see titles such as *The International Jew* or *The Truth about the Pope*, amid a welter of anti-Semitic, Anti-Christian and pro-extremist literature". How much more discriminatory can this "Racial tolerance" be? It is weighted upon the minority – even your invitation to submit opinions stipulated that the inquiry wanted to "**hear directly from migrant communities**". This smacks of wanting to accommodate the needs of migrants, rather than requiring them to assimilate into our existing Australian culture.

Many nations have been welcomed into Australia – because they have come wanting to be Australian and have not wanted to foist upon us their traditions and values. The reader of this submission cannot have failed to have noticed that this submission has concentrated on Muslim immigration. Australians have looked at the other host nations of Muslim immigrants and what they see they do not like.

Our culture is unique. Let us keep it that way.