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Joint Standing Committee on Migration
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Dear Committee on Migration,

There is no better nation in the world to live today than AUSTRALIA and we want it to stay that way.

Australia is a unique nation. Multiculturalism does not mean that the Australian CULTURE loses its identity to accommodate and change because of other's beliefs and agenda to change this nation. This nation is based on FREEDOM of speech and beliefs. Christian values. We love to take the good things from every culture. However, when we are urged to change because of other's beliefs, what does this nation become? We want to preserve our freedom and not be constricted by other's ideas of what LAW should be. Especially not SHARIA law. Australian's want to dress the way we are used to and not be dictated to by religious dress codes. Absolute outrage has been expressed because of a certain religion stipulating religious dress code at a public pool. Details here in the Herald Sun article: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/cover-up-for-pool-event-during-next-years-ramadan/story-e6frf7kx-1225924291675>

More dangerous is the progression to what we are allowed to say- Freedom of speech. Surely robust intellectual discussion, debate, analysis and clear judgement are upheld in the Australian society? We have to accept the right to believe differently and not sentence someone to death just because they disagree with you as in the case of Asia Bibi in Pakistan. Mr Salman Taseer, governor of Punjab, Pakistan's major province, who has been an outspoken critic of the blasphemy law and who visited Asia Bibi in prison and called for clemency for her, was shot (29 bullet wounds) and killed by his own bodyguard, Malik Mumtaz Hussain Qadri, on January 4 because he had called the blasphemy law a bad law.

http://www.newsweekly.com.au/articles/2011feb05_r.html

Many people thought 'Multiculturalism' originally meant that we accept people from other countries because they want to come here and 'be Australian'. Now, Multiculturalism invites people to bring their 'culture' / 'worldview' with them, suggests all cultures are equal, and that people never really need to become 'Australians'. This has proven to be very dangerous in Europe, where cultures have not integrated. Whole suburbs in France are dominated by lawlessness. French journalist Alexander del Valle said, "Our society is splitting and dividing. There are 750 'no go zones' where police, ambulance and firemen will not go into Muslim areas from the great danger. We feel like foreigners in our own country. French citizens are afraid to leave their homes. We will ultimately see a battle among blacks, Muslims and French citizens."

Dr. Garrett Hardin's 'The Ostrich Factor' illustrates our folly as to turning our culture over to many cultures: "Multiculturalism presumes peaceful co-existence of many cultures within the boundaries of the same nation. Examples of multiculturalism from the USSR, Kosovo, the Baltics, and Central Africa have resulted in violence generated by chaos."

"The unity and strength of a nation depends on maintaining the dominance of law-supported discriminations. To achieve world peace, spatially separated countries must obey different ethical mandates. A nation selecting to forbid genital laceration of young girls (female genital mutilation) cannot tolerate internal diversity. Intranational (within a country) multiculturalism creates chaos and destroys national peace."

Australians are very generous and tolerate many different cultures. The question is...do they tolerate us? Will they assimilate to our way of life and live in peace and harmony? It would be wise to look at what has happened in Europe.