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Committee Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on Migration, P.O. Box 6021, Parliament House, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Dear Secretary,

The following points are of concern to many people:

One: Australia is a country with an ageing workforce and it needs to bring to this country people who can be employed, pay taxes and contribute in other ways and who will not be a permanent drain on the public purse.

Two: In other countries, women are subjected to "honour" killings, having acid thrown in their faces, being raped and sold into slavery. Baby girls are routinely mutilated or even murdered. What effect will it have on our society if boatloads of (mostly) males from these countries come here? Most seem unable to adopt a different mindset in their attitudes to women.

Similarly, those from violent and lawless societies seem either incapable of, or unwilling to, change their acceptance of violence.

Three: Australia has many thousands of citizens who are homeless, many of them children living in cars or unsafe shared and substandard accommodation. They would be very grateful to be given former Defence Forces accommodation rather than it being given to newly-arrived non-citizens.

Four: Our legal system seems to be becoming skewed in favour of migrants and soft punishments are given to non-white residents. People of Caucasian descent receive harsher sentences for the same crimes. Some non-citizens who should not have been granted bail have fled the country, after committing serious crimes.

Five: Our Immigration Department does not appear to abide by its own rules. Non-citizens who commit crimes are not being deported and concessions are being made to people who have no intention of being good citizens. Australia needs to enforce its own laws and maintain its high social standards. There is no valid reason to allow our enviable society to be undermined and diluted - it will only be to our detriment.

Yours truly,