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Dear Sir. I wish to lodge a submission to the enquiry into Multiculturalism.

I am secondary school teacher in a government school in South Eastern Melbourne. Many of my students have come from many and varied countries, cultures and religions. It is interesting for me a teacher to watch how these students interact together and in most cases there is a good repour developed between each of them.

The one big negative response from my students is towards the non-assimilation of students from Islamic countries, particularly from Afghanistan. These students often demonstrate negative attitudes towards Australia and our way of life. Indeed I have had students that have lived under the Taliban that have demonstrated very negative attitudes towards the younger Australian women teachers.

My own personal feelings are that I do not mind where a person comes from or what they look like when they come to live in Australia, providing they seek to make a positive contribution to my country!

What I very strongly object to is those who come with religious hatred in the heart towards Australia and preach that hatred in their Mosques. If they are not happy here, then they should leave.

Yours sincerely,