

Dear Maria,

I am writing in regards to the study/report you are doing on 'Multiculturalism' in Australia. I am writing as an Australian who was born in this wonderful country, & as a 36 yr old mother of 3! I love this country so much!!..... the freedom we have & the peace we experience! As I was growing up, there was always a real optimism 'in the air' for the future, an amazing sense of freedom, & an overwhelming sense of safety & security. The 'Good Old Days' you may call them, however I deeply believe it's not too late to return to our place of "amazing" in the world! (as there are still so many great qualities & freedoms we experience even today, that are worth fighting for as to ensure we have them for the future).

However, the alarming thing I have noticed is how much our wonderful Country has changed! I am highly concerned about the 'multiculturalism' shift that has occurred, & continues to change what Australia has always been.....to the point where we feel threatened to walk our own streets & even to the point we feel like foreigners in our own country!! Last but by no means least, the very foundation upon which our Country was built is being eroded by this so called 'multiculturalism' & results in political correctness gone mad! (To the point we are unable to have even the basic freedom of free speech, in the event that speaking any kind of truth a person is automatically labelled 'a racist, extremist, or fanatic', even when making just basic observations!)

I am all for skilled migrants who want to come here & positively contribute to this 'special place', however the problem has been in allowing the different ethnic groups to all move to a sole location (in mass to certain suburbs etc) thus those who live there who are not of that ethnic group feel like they are visitors in there own once normal community. As there has been no incentives &/or laws to ensure this 'over population' of a certain culture in a single community, & thus it has become like different countries within our own country, instead of us all being one country that is the same. For different cultures have different values/beliefs/practices, so as one ethnic group congregates it changes the values, beliefs, & practices of that suburb/town/city! Also there is a major problem with people (from any country) coming here & changing our ways/beliefs/practices to the way they have been in their country they have come from, instead of moving here to become like us.....they instead choose to come here & change everything here to the way it was in their country of origin. Thus, we have problems occurring in our society Eg: Muslim ONLY bathrooms in university, Muslim ONLY swimming lessons at local swimming pool, Muslim ONLY food at preschool.....& the list goes on!! It's not even kept to their own place of worship (like the Christian churches...that have Christian ONLY things within the walls of their churches, yet don't impose them on the public community facilities etc) Instead the Muslim community think it's their duty to take over public facilities for their own personal religious beliefs/practices, instead of keeping their Muslim ONLY things within their own walls!! This is just one example of only one religious group, & how it's already changing the 'Australian way of life', instead of them coming here to 'truly' intergrate

into our 'Australian way of life'.....as they insist on keeping their cultural practices & never even plan on trying to change to live as we do. This is just one of the major ways 'multiculturalism' does not work, & goes so far as to change what we are as Australians, how we live, & what we want our future country to look like for our children.

I strongly urge you to greatly consider the outcome of your study/report, as to the legacy you will leave the future generations of Australians, & that it not be a society that has been allowed to create segments in our unified 'Australian way of life'. But instead, would be a vital tool in exposing the truth of how this 'multiculturalism' is in fact changing our very way of life, & causing segregation of our communities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, & we hope you do the right thing for our childrens future as to not allow anyone to change what we all hold dear everyday.....

Kind Regards,