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RECOMMENDATIONS.

1/ First and foremost, Australia should revisit it's signatory status on the UN Convention on Refugees, and include 'provisions' or 'exceptions' which cover the need to distinguish between people considered 'compatible' and those not so, in the interests of national security and social harmony and public order. Or..given that these provisions already appear in

2/ That Immigration policy should be based on "values compatibility" rather than being 'non discriminatory'. More points should be awarded for people who's belief systems are at least non threatening, and at best in complete harmony with the historic mainstream Australian culture.

3/ That a degree of informal selectivity be introduced to the Immigration process which best promotes social and cultural harmony when considering the background and beliefs of all who wish to migrate here.

4/ No Funding in regard to multiculturalism should be allocated which is intended to propagate or celebrate minority cultures. That is a matter for the relevant community itself.

5/ Where funding is available it should be directed only to activities and initiatives which celebrate our unity and common humanity within the context of the prevailing Australian Culture.

6/ We believe that funding should be further targeted at such things as encouraging and celebrating inter-racial marriage and inter racial community activities, again, within the context of supporting and confirming the existing Australian culture while recognising there are differences and embracing the positive and helpful but firmly rejecting any values which are a danger to good public order or national security.

7/ We believe that a core history and culture studies program should be implemented which could include reference to the basic Christian tone of the founding of modern Australia. This could include a study of the sermon on the mount.

This not a suggestion that students should be urged to embrace Christianity in the sense of 'conversion'.

APPENDIX (from the UN Convention on Refugees)

- 1) Peter Faris Article on Human Rights. (see other attachment)

2) UN convention on Refugees. **ARTICLE 2. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS**

Every refugee has duties to the country in which he finds himself, which require in particular that he conform to its laws and regulations as well as to measures taken for the maintenance of public order.

3) UN Convention **ARTICLE 31. REFUGEES UNLAWFULLY IN THE COUNTRY OF**

REFUGE 1. The Contracting States shall not impose penalties, on account of their illegal entry or presence, on refugees who, coming directly from a territory where their life or freedom was threatened in the sense of Article 1, enter or are present in their territory without authorization, provided they present themselves without delay to the authorities and show good cause for their illegal entry or presence.

Paragraph 1

The sovereign right of a State to remove or keep from its territory foreigners regarded as undesirable cannot not be challenged.

Explanatory notes

Paragraph 1, while not preventing the expulsion of refugees, specifies that their expulsion must be dictated by grave reasons of national security or public order.

Paragraph 3

The turning back of a refugee to the frontier of the country where his life or liberty is threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality or political opinions if such opinions are not in conflict with the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter, would be tantamount to delivering him into the hand of his persecutors.

COMMENT: "Political Opinions" must be understood in the light of the UN Charter ... his opinions cannot be seditious, treasonous or murderous. In the case of the Tamil Tigers, they were "all of the above".