

Committee Secretary,

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Joint Standing Committee on Migration

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Re: Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia

SUBMISSION

I believe Federal Government's Joint Standing Committee on migration role need to include addressing of all multicultural issues, inclusive of positive aspects of multiculturalism and concerns surrounding multiculturalism raised by Australians. I believe the committee be responsible, on behalf of Australians, to create and share with Australians, clear guidelines and balanced management of sustainable multicultural growth for our country.

I write as a concerned Australian citizen, I submit my concerns to the committee's attention as I understand the role of the Joint Standing committee on Migration is to resource, learn and truthfully share with Australians, information available from global multicultural growth experiences around the world. There is resourced and documented evidence from other countries clearly identifying multiculturalism as the cause of division amongst citizens and their governments, .(article, The Weekend Australia April 2 -3, 2011), Australian citizens are expected to share their Australian lifestyle, services and community, yet have not been well and truly informed of expectations and future growth by multiculturalism, figures on growth through multicultural migration need to be declared and by which year the growth/expansion of our nation is expected to be achieved, plus the expectations of migrants and their behaviour toward our country.

From my experience, working and living in the community, there remain issues of sustainability to fund legal and illegal migration within Australian communities, communities already struggling to tolerate city and metropolitan population growth. Australians are well informed of financial pressures placed upon the tax payers, families trying to maintain family bills and hard earned lifestyle are disappearing around Australia and through no fault of their own.

While people continually arrive illegally in Australia from the middle east, to jump our immigration queue, illegal entrants who cannot be identified as refugee's, i.e. by passing through up to 5 countries including Indonesia to reach Australian shores , these people are immediately financially supported and provided more support services, inclusive of housing, optical, dental, medical, mental health, food and clothing, education and legal representation, more services than available to tax paying Australians living here, preference being shown to illegal migrants over migrants who have applied for Australian residency, an imbalance of free community services available to Australians vs. those available to multicultural groups who arrive here illegally sends out warning signals to those of us who try to support ourselves and our families.

Migration incorporates receiving legal and illegal immigrants to our country thus supporting ongoing multicultural growth into our country regardless of a migrant's background, country of origin and/ or criminal records, for example: the minister recently confirmed there are illegal migrants staying in Australian communities, although protective of the number or whereabouts in the community as the minister explained these with temporary visas, who arrived illegally on Christmas Island were awaiting legal court hearings for their criminal acts, until these & similar

issues are addressed, integration into the broader Australian society cannot remain an expectation of Australians by anyone.

Australians have a right to expect a safe country, a safe community and to live a good lifestyle for themselves and their families, this is currently not available in Sydney N.S.W. we have slide down the pole to witness a culture of violence never before known to Australian lifestyle. Why would Australia allow people from unknown backgrounds jump the immigration queue when there are migrants, clearly able to be identified, willing to work and become Australians and who are legally waiting their turn to come to Australia?

Crimes committed by middle eastern cultures against Australians and other multicultural groups remain high, the NSW Police force identify on radio and in print media, there is no co-operation from a large percentage of multicultural groups, specifically from middle eastern culture, this is not acceptable behaviour of the people to protect perpetrators crimes and hide behind their culture of gutless drive by shootings and murder to solve interracial issues, another example where NSW police force have their hands tied to due multicultural restrictions, i.e. continued vandalising or war memorials(Fairfax Community newspaper Mar 2011). Why should Australians be expected to live with this type of behaviour toward our "diggers" and our proud history, our Anzac memory.

I submit, Australians deserve to be heard, given the good natured approach provided to past migration to our country, Australians have grown tired of migration issues not being addressed and no longer want multicultural "wants and needs" placed ahead of Australian citizen needs. While multiculturalism in Australia has been increasing for decades, there seems no end to the flow of illegal immigrants allowed access to our country and services, provided access to our country regardless and without the knowledge of Australian citizens as to their background, financial status or level of skills to work in Australia.

While a majority of migrants choose not to assimilate, integrate, speak English or display a love of our country, our lifestyle, it is clear to see why Australians struggle to respect multicultural groups who do not want to become Australian and embrace what Australia has to offer, it is common knowledge where multicultural areas remain prominent in Sydney and major cities around Australia, these areas where religious beliefs & cultural differences over rule any likelihood of joining into suburban community life with Australian citizens to celebrate an Australian lifestyle.

My submission includes, federal government be responsible to educate and clearly demonstrate to all people wanting to join our wonderful country, to confirm with people wanting to migrate to treat the opportunity with the respect Australia and Australians deserve, to join our peaceful style of living and to work hard together with Australians toward a new future. For the past twenty years, my respect for multiculturalism in Australia has turned into regret; I believe I have been ill advised on multiculturalism and lead down the wrong path by the Australian government.

I work in an industry where multicultural departments and services may have been wound up some 20+ years ago, reduced to a level to share the cost & services amongst everyone in a community, yet Sydney and cities with multicultural groups who remain welfare dependent dictate to our government where they prefer their living style and services to be located and what allocated special services comply with their culture, way of life and religious beliefs. Meanwhile the industry I belong to could well use the dollars productively around Australia for everyone & not just focused on multicultural specific requirements.

While my hard working, tax paying adult children hesitate to produce more than one child for fear of not being able to maintain financial stability, noticeably amongst certain migrant groups, young woman are producing as many off spring as they desire, while for too long Australians have not.

Freedom of speech has diminished as multiculturalism has taken over commonsense, Australians are unlikely to mention cultural differences as they appear, out for fear of retribution & disciplinary's, being labelled racist or extremist, when in fact Australians are a generous mob, happy to give everyone a go. Seemingly our good will has run out, time for stocktaking our own backyard, helping Australians in need, we use to be a wealthy country, some feel we are being robbed blind as a result of migration and multiculturalism malfunction within Australia. It is past the time to stop the migration policy currently in place, take a good look at how to best proceed into our Aussie future population by planning carefully, who and where we allow immigrants to arrive from, how and where we introduce migration throughout Australia.

I and many other Australians grow weary of political mistakes made for Australia, I will no longer take the quiet journey and allow for mistakes made for our cultural & financial future, mistakes are being identified on every level of migration, an example: recently I supported a group financially to purchase a wheelchair for a young Aussie quadriplegic victim, their family struck down with huge medical bills to save the life of their son, it is impossible to determine why we cannot provide all services needed for this family (& many other Australians in a similar situation) while surely there are funds available given Australia is spending billions on migration (legal and illegal) for multicultural groups backup and their support.

Australian public are made well aware the Salvation Army is struggling to provide basic food, clothing and shelter accommodation to Australians who are in dire financial circumstance, i.e. reported as "the new middle class poor", yet the industry I'm associated with, spends tax paying dollars on providing specialists services to multicultural groups inclusive of interpreters and specialty group events for those who choose to live in Australia and choose not speak English.

I plead with the Joint Standing Committee on Migration to review all aspects of federal government policy associated with multiculturalism by including Australian citizen's decision making, provide transparent opportunities to hear our voice, conduct a referendum on multiculturalism and future migration. For too long we have been kept in the dark, hearing about more and more population growth through migration, blindly accepting what our government has chosen to do as being right for us. My family, friends and colleagues noticed another steep shift in multicultural areas sprouting up around the city and metropolitan area of Sydney, growth of migration is evident in areas where Australians do not feel comfortable to stay and live their lives. Australians are demanding freedom of choice of the future development of our country, the population growth and its sustainability.

I found out about the parliament Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia via a radio show yesterday, so where is the opportunity for the average Australian to put together a submission ?

The inquiry process to prepare a submission was seemingly hidden out of sight or reach for average Australians – certainly not listed publicly in advance that I am aware of.

What I have commented on is but a drop in the bucket of what is happening around Australia with dissatisfaction of multiculturalism growing daily, multiculturalism hasn't worked in Australia and the general public consensus is we are stuck with an old migration policy which is, not only out of date, also out of control.

I am not academic, I haven't prepared a submission before, probably as a result I've written the wrong way, probably too out spoken and to the point, but to be honest with the committee, I, like many others in Australia are passionate about the future of our land, our country, our lifestyle our families and our heritage. My grandmother taught me to never under estimate the power of the pen, therefore I make the suggestion to the committee that the facts of multicultural future planning and the figures of migration into Australia need to be provided to Australians, please open up a

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forum and listen to Australian citizens, allow all Aussies to express their thoughts and views, don't display a government "run and cover up" rule of thumb behaviour, acting too scared to listen and discuss topics of importance. Please venture out to the public arena's around Australia and easily provide and opening for discussion and communication between the Australian voter and the committee before deciding upon migration/multicultural policies. This is not a lot to ask of any committee representing our precious country.

The committee's assurance that their priorities are to Australian's in the first instance, may alleviate angst amongst the nation with reference to Australia's population growth and sustainability addressing migration and multiculturalism issues before it is too late for our nation of caring Australians to be able to make a difference to the future planning of our country's population.

Signed: