

To Whom it may concern on the Committee on Migration

There are many factors influencing multiculturalism. Terminology needs to be clear as to what is meant. Migration needs to benefit not just migrants but the host country and citizens be able to have positive input into programs/outcomes of policy and direction. This so all may benefit. Australia is a deeply divided country- we have not the same degree of problems that Europe and UK have but are still on the same track. It is naive to think otherwise. I rather suspect that this paper has been brought out to iron these matters out. I hope that I can contribute to some positive direction in this. this has been a marvellous country with opportunities, a good standard of living and education.

I am the child of a migrant and am grateful. I think most people are who come here- many have made a real contribution such as in science, medicine, social justice and service, the arts. Hospitality has been a noticeable positive I have noticed amongst Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Asians cultures here. Nevertheless there are those who choose segregation rather than assimilation and expect the broader community to both support and fund this. Not only that there are real concerns as to expectations to impose religious and political practices on the people without the broader knowledge or consent of the majority culture or that of the indigenous. Specifically I refer to

1. the Qur'anic injunction to good Muslims "not to mix with Jews or Christians in case you become like them" (unbelievers are regarded even worse)
2. The imposition of sharia finances via Simon Crean and Labour initiative. This actually contributes to global jihad.
3. The imposition of Halal food on unsuspecting Aussies. This can be available to Muslims but let the Non Muslims be aware and given choice.
4. The introduction of "Muslim Perspective" into every school subject in the public school system. Why not everyone else's perspective as well?

We are rich country culturally. I do not want to see this subsumed as has happened in every other country over the past 1400 years where Islam conquered non Muslim peoples and then stole the credit for their discoveries and inventions for themselves. (eg. The concept of zero is in the Hindu Sanskrit). Not only that Non Muslims have been made second class citizens in their own countries as in Iraq, Egypt, Algeria. In fact the Kabyle in Algeria are rising up and going back in revolt to their pre-Islamic culture.

FEMAL GENITAL MUTILATION may be not in the Qu'ran but there are PAGES of references to this in the Hadiths (Mohamed's traditions).

One pre-pubescent Somali girl in the Collingwood High rise flats, Melbourne, told me she was "done". She was sent back to Djibouti for this whilst living in Australia.

UK has an honour killing of a girl on average each month. I heard from a UK resident that Pakistani British girls have been sent back to the homeland to be killed: the government now has officials stationed at the airports for these lasses to run to for protection-they can then be whisked away to safety.

A young Islamic missionary trained at Al Azha University Egypt told me re Islamic mission ("Daawah" to our indigenous peoples. It will be a sad day if these people who really are victims get the idea of jihad against the majority culture here.

By all means, We allow religious freedoms here and expression thereof but not at the expense of others. May our Laws reflect the intent to protect the majority from risk of denial of these. In stating this May more moderate and liberal Muslims be given credit where they oppose such things. They are a minority and run a risk to themselves in saying so.

I hope that this secular society can remain free recognizing its own heritage (largely Judeo-Christian as well as other and indigenous).

I hope and pray so. Thank you

Yours Sincerely,