Dear Sir / Madam

For nearly forty years now Australia has been subjected to and living under the constraints of Multiculturalism. It has not worked effectively and I don't believe any amount of enquiring by a Committee will improve matters. Multiculturalism should be disbanded, now. The single biggest problem with Multiculturalism is the word itself. Since the word became popular it has been used and abused; there are now many definitions that are used selectively by various ethnic groups and, lately, religions, all for their own ends.

Over the years, I have found that Multiculturalism has become divisive rather than cohesive. Depending upon how it suits their ends, various groups interpret Multiculturalism as *carte blanche* to retain and build upon their own cultures and religion within the social fabric of Australian culture, relying upon our easy going attitudes to accept it. A case in point is the submission to the inquiry by the Islamic Council of Australia. I believe it is a very clever, albeit thinly veiled, attempt to introduce all or part of Sharia Law into this country.

Let me quote a verse from a song to you. It was originally sung by the Kingston Trio in the sixties and the sentiments expressed are as valid today as they were back then.

" There're rioting in Africa. They're starving in Spain.
There's hurricanes in Florida and Texas needs rain.
The whole world is festering with unhappy souls.
The French hate the Germans. The Germans hate the Poles.
Italians hate Yugoslavs. South Africans hate the Dutch.
And I don't like anybody very much. "

Replace any of the above named countries with any of your choosing and the picture pretty much remains the same today. Extensive travelling and reading leads me to believe that, deep down, every nation on the planet either dislikes or distrusts the nation across the border. Multiculturalism encourages the continuation of such dislike and distrust which is worsened by the natural tendency for migrants to band together for comfort and safety in ghettos, which are now firmly entrenched all over Australia, particularly in the cities. Australians in turn feel threatened. Divisiveness grows and grows from within migrant communities and outside in the wider Australian population. The amount of hate mail, jokes and other derogatory emails I receive on a daily basis beggars belief. It is becoming a very real problem. Continuing with Multiculturalism as a policy will only make the situation worse, not better.

Having lived through many waves of migration from World War 11 onwards, there is no doubt that, far and away, the latest batch, predominately Muslims, are more divisive and threatening to the Australian way of life than any other. Islam is a religion, the government, the judiciary, the education system and the community way of life, all rolled into one. There is no separation one from the other, which is completely at odds with our Australian way of doing things, and is the basis for their growing desire to change us rather than the other way around.

Multiculturalism must be disbanded and in its place there should be a policy which encourages cohesiveness and integration into the Australian way of life. We come from many lands but this is Australia. Any new immigration policy should include such things as:

English is the *lingua franca.*

Government for all Australian people, no matter what their origins.

All religions must be free to practice but no religion should ever be allowed to intrude into or attempt to dominate our way of life.

The Australian judiciary must remain independent and continue to be based upon Australian law.

All migrants must demonstrate that they possess skills and other attributes that will be of value to

Australia.

Yours faithfully