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I migrated to Australia in 1990 and I can think of a no better nation in the world to live today and I like it to stay that way.

It is important that Australia remains based on and underpinned by the Christian values this nation was founded on. This has made Australia what it is today, welcoming people from across the world. People from many countries have come. The Europeans, Jews, Vietnamese, Chinese and they have assimilated and have become very good Australians. These migrants have brought with them their culture, food and religion but these migrants have respected the Australian culture and Christian values and have not attempt to change it to suit their values. This is multiculturalism.

But if a group of people want to change this nation to suit their values then that crosses the line and becomes unacceptable. This is anti multiculturalism. Britain now has 21 "Sharia" courts. We have our courts and a common law. We do not want "Sharia" law which discriminate against women and non muslims. I also do not want to see "halal" meat sold in our supermarkets for all Australians or public swimming pools closed to the public so that some Muslims can go and have a swim. LaTrobe Uni has female toilets for Muslim women. Why? Are our female toilet not good enough for Muslims? These attitudes and requirements based on Islamic laws and practices do not promote multiculturalism. I am concerned for the state of our nation. Whilst I respect the religious beliefs of others I also see assimilation as being essential if we are to continue to enjoy the freedoms that we have in this land.

It is not for anyone or any group of people to impose their laws and political ideology on us, to the detrement of the freedoms that we as a nation made up of many cultures now enjoy.

Yours sincerely,