Australian Parliament Joint Standing Committee on Migration Submission no. 447

Dear Sir,

<u>Summary</u>

Today - Multicultural - Nation Must protect our borders Must accommodate genuine refugees on humanitarian genuine

grounds

On granting <u>citizenship</u> must insist on accepting our mores, laws, language customs, etc

Should look upon refugees as a national asset, so Keep families together wherever possible Never imprison children - especially the very young Make positive use of internment time to assess the skills, (in every field,) of these future citizens <u>We</u> should stipulate where they settle They should be employed and respected in this, their new land.

 We offer
 - Our great land - no enemies on our borders.

 Unbroken oastline - democratic, elected government

 One legal, spoken language; educated populace,

 Free education, health, impartial justice, kindly climate

 Ample food.

The plight of "Refugees" has concerned me for many years. Millions of people around the world have been compelled to flee the "Land of Their Birth". The problem has reached a wretched situation and demands a sensitive and positive resolution. The screening of all seeking citizenship must be scrupulously pursued

This is our land and we must protect our borders. However, only those arousing suspicion should be held in custody for further investigation with impartiality and expedition. We must have secure, humane detention centres. Families should be held together.

People of wealth or powerful, political, family or such ties, can buy corrupt avenues not available to most. It is possible to buy one's way in and even evade "The Law". Should it not be possible to be more selective in our choice of settlers - our new Australian Citizens.

Among those so driven that they will risk all in an effort to start a new life

there are many whose talents we could share. However :-

- 1. They must be afforded time to learn to communicate in English our national
 - language..
- 2. They must accept our customs dress code.
- 3. They must accept our food -we have the greatest variety of readily available
 - food in the world.
- 4. They must obey our laws. our justice is impartial
- 5. Their identity must be open- no Burkas etc.

We allow freedom of worship, freedom of speech, impartial health, education, employment opportunities and respect and personal dignity.

We should look upon "us and them" concept dividing our people. These new Australians as a great opportunity to augment our population in areas where we need their skills to inject new life in our dying country towns.

There should be a settling in period. We must not grant any of these people the 'dole'. There are many important public works projects marking time while we import migrant labour. We pay them and they send their earnings out of our country. They naturally seek their own kind, so ghettos grow with a "us and them" concept dividing our people

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