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Joint Standing Committee on Migration  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an immigrant from the UK who arrived with migrants from Greece in 1962. During my years here I've grown to love this country for its richness in hospitality and receiving cultures from Europe Russia and South America. It was a free country full of hope and opportunity for whoever was willing to give it a go. People just fitted in and I think it was because we shared a common sense of morality and human worth.

The white Australia Policy was overturned so that migrants from Asia could settle here because of conflicts in south Asia in the 1970 and 80's. These migrants learnt to settle in although our culture was so different to what they were used to. We benefitted from the diversity of cultures that they brought.

Up until this time I thought Multiculturalism was working quite well. Australia was a great country and was still based on the rule of law that each individual had worth and was free to express themselves in a free society.

Then the Middle Eastern migrants arrived with a strong sense of their own worth, purpose, religion and ideology. It soon became apparent that they had no intention of fitting in when they started pressuring all and sundry to change in order to accommodate their sensitivities. At the drop of a hat they had people before the courts because they were offended. I saw our freedom of speech being curtailed because we could not speak critically towards the behaviour of these new migrants. They brought more than their culture. They brought an ancient ideology that dictates every part of their lives. I have since read extensively about the ways of Muslims under Islam and saw conclusively that their ideology does not permit them to be inclusive and tolerant of others and therefore could not live peacefully in a free democratic society. We only have to see the devastation in Europe today to realize we too will have the same problems in 15 to 20 years.

If we are to show compassion to those in Muslim countries surely it must be towards them that are being persecuted the most and that is anyone who is not a Muslim. People of other faiths in these countries are being slaughtered daily because Islam inspires violence towards them. These people would appreciate the values we hold so dear.

Muslims under Islam see it their duty to make all the world bow their knee to Islam and letting this ideology grow here will be fatal to freedoms and Democracy. We need to be wise and prudent in what we do regarding immigration and learn from Europe's mistakes.

As policy makers please take care as you help build and shape this great land and earnestly protect the freedoms purchased for us at a heavy price, the blood of those who fought so bravely.

Kind Regards