

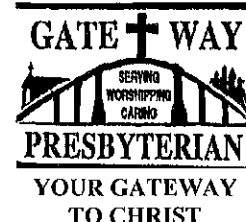


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**Australian Parliament
Joint Standing Committee on Migration
Submission No. 80**

The Chair of the Committee,
Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia,
Maria Vamvakinou MP.
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Your Honour,

A country can welcome people from across the world and invite them to become Australians and while some of their ways will certainly permeate society, we want our culture to stay basically Australian, underpinned by our Christian heritage. This is the only way to avoid confusion, chaos violence and the destruction of a way of life, which is the envy of the world.

The Australia society must remain based on, and underpinned by, the Christian values this nation was founded on. Multiculturalism invites people to bring their 'culture' / 'worldview' with them, suggests all cultures are equal, and that people never really need to become 'Australians'. This has already created resentment, as people from a certain religion are endeavouring to impose their religious and, philosophical view by stealth, force, and even through government legislation. When this happens, people will say enough is enough, and that is when you trigger racial violence - so far not seen in Australia, but it is lying dormant.

Yes, of course we can invite people to share the good parts of their particular ethnic culture with us so that we can learn how others live, but that does not mean we have to agree with their values or share their worldview. If they want to change this nation to suit their values then that crosses the line and becomes unacceptable. That is not racist - it is a fact that all cultures are not equal as all nations' laws and values are not equally good, and we believe that we have a right to be proud of our Christian heritage and Westminster form of government which have served our nation well, in comparison to the non-democratic, failure to protect women and children and discriminatory practices against other religions which are very evident in the countries of the middle East.

Multi-culturalism is not to be encouraged, (which has died a natural death in other countries) but Australia is to encourage legal immigrants to become Australians, and to be part of a society that welcomes all people and encourages integration, underpinned by our Christian heritage. This is the only way to peace and harmony and a democratic, unified and just society as we have known thus far.

Yours sincerely
Guido & Virginia Kettniss

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA,
IN QUEENSLAND.**



"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2: 8 & 9.