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REVIEW OF MIGRATION REGULATION 4.31B

It seems there is evidence to suggest that there is a high level of abuse in the refugee determination process and that in the absence of other effective deterrents, Regulation 4.31B may well be the only way of reducing that abuse.

As there is no evidence to suggest that Regulation 4.31B has deterred genuine refugees from applying for review it is recommended that the fee should be retained and perhaps even increased and its period of validity further extended.

There is also evidence to suggest that many so-called refugees are taking advantage of Australia's much publicised policies of multiculturalism and tolerance and it is recommended that the Government take action to stop the projection of this dangerous image in countries where unhappy citizens are looking for somewhere else to move to - and also that the Government look into the practices used by other similar countries to deal with the problem of unwanted refugees.

With regard to State-specific migration mechanisms clearly the problem here is that increasingly, immigrants want to live in the capital cities and this is causing serious problems for our major cities with Sydney in particular in a state of crisis. The NSW Premier recently declared that Sydney is now bursting at the seams.

Two actions should be implemented immediately. The first is to cut back on immigration and be more selective, ensuring that refugees and immigrants are not accepted when their cultures are clearly incompatible with ours - and the second is to take steps to put a stop to the takeover of whole suburbs of our cities by monocultural racial groups who are rapidly forming mini-nations within our cities.

Australia is an island and one of the most barren and inhospitable lands on earth and clearly there is a limit to the number of people it can safely carry. With the massive environmental damage being done and the desertion of the inland regions for the coastal cities there is ample evidence to suggest that the sustainable population limit has already been well and truly exceeded.

It is recommended that the Commonwealth Government in concert with the States initiate an immediate inquiry in order to establish the maximum sustainable population limit for the continent and then take steps to achieve and stabilise the population at that level – even if it means a reduction in population.

It must never be forgotten that overpopulation brings poverty not prosperity.

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