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I am interested to see that migrant communities are invited to make submissions but Australians are not. In many ways this sums up the problems with multiculturalism. The needs of migrants are considered a long way ahead of those who already live here.

Multiculturalism is saying to people who come here that we embrace your culture no matter what it is and it is OK in Australia to continue the cultural practices which in many cases made the country you left so horrible. Australians are very welcoming to people from other countries who come here and try to keep our laws and fit into our culture. However many Australians feel that in an attempt to appease and be kind to migrants they are having the migrant's culture foisted onto them.

We believe that all people are equal before the law but many people from overseas do not believe that women and men are equal before the law. Many believe that those from a higher caste are more valuable than those from a lower caste. We in Australia do not want to embrace this.

Many believe that polygamy is OK and take unofficial extra wives but in Australia we do not want this.

Many believe that vengeance is necessary for any wrong done to them in order to maintain their honour. We do not want this culture in Australia.

Australians want the same law for everyone but there are some groups of migrants who ask for special laws for them so things can be the same as in the country they came from.

These problems will not be overcome by appeasement in fact they will be reinforced by politicians who boast about how good we are with our migration policy and hide their heads in the sand about growing dissatisfaction. Problems that they are having in Europe are not occurring here yet, because the number of migrants is not as high, but if our borders are not secure so that Australia has no say in who arrives then many who arrive will be uneducated, Muslim and unable to speak English and our problems will multiply. Those refugees who are deemed to be likely to assimilate well and contribute to our skills are pushed further behind in the line.

Whenever there is a problem with integration the Australians are blamed. It seems that it is never the fault of the immigrant. Adjusting to new customs etc is never easy and the older the person the harder it is. Australia is a great place to live and that is why many people come here. We want it to stay that way.

All cultures are not equally good and Australians do not want their culture which is largely based on Christian values to be changed to fit in with migrants customs. Nor do they want customs based on migrants religious beliefs replacing those based on Christianity. Australians are becoming more and more resentful as they become the ones forced to change and are continually told that they are racist if they speak out about it.

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