

Appendix 2

Subsections 501(6) and (7) of the *Migration Act 1958*

Character test

- (6) For the purposes of this section, a person does not pass the *character test* if:
- (a) the person has a substantial criminal record (as defined by subsection (7)); or
 - (aa) the person has been convicted of an offence that was committed:
 - (i) while the person was in immigration detention; or
 - (ii) during an escape by the person from immigration detention; or
 - (iii) after the person escaped from immigration detention but before the person was taken into immigration detention again; or
 - (ab) the person has been convicted of an offence against section 197A; or
 - (b) the Minister reasonably suspects:
 - (i) that the person has been or is a member of a group or organisation, or has had or has an association with a group, organisation or person; and
 - (ii) that the group, organisation or person has been or is involved in criminal conduct; or
 - (ba) the Minister reasonably suspects that the person has been or is involved in conduct constituting one or more of the following:
 - (i) an offence under one or more of sections 233A to 234A (people smuggling);
 - (ii) an offence of trafficking in persons;
 - (iii) the crime of genocide, a crime against humanity, a war crime, a crime involving torture or slavery or a crime that is otherwise of serious international concern;whether or not the person, or another person, has been convicted of an offence constituted by the conduct; or
 - (c) having regard to either or both of the following:
 - (i) the person's past and present criminal conduct;
 - (ii) the person's past and present general conduct;the person is not of good character; or
 - (d) in the event the person were allowed to enter or to remain in Australia, there is a risk that the person would:
 - (i) engage in criminal conduct in Australia; or
 - (ii) harass, molest, intimidate or stalk another person in Australia; or
 - (iii) vilify a segment of the Australian community; or
 - (iv) incite discord in the Australian community or in a segment of that community; or
 - (v) represent a danger to the Australian community or to a segment of that community, whether by way of being liable to become involved in activities that are disruptive to, or in violence threatening harm to, that community or segment, or in any other way; or
 - (e) a court in Australia or a foreign country has:
 - (i) convicted the person of one or more sexually based offences involving a child; or
 - (ii) found the person guilty of such an offence, or found a charge against the person proved for such an offence, even if the person was discharged without a conviction; or
 - (f) the person has, in Australia or a foreign country, been charged with or indicted for one or more of the following:
 - (i) the crime of genocide;

- (ii) a crime against humanity;
 - (iii) a war crime;
 - (iv) a crime involving torture or slavery;
 - (v) a crime that is otherwise of serious international concern; or
- (g) the person has been assessed by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation to be directly or indirectly a risk to security (within the meaning of section 4 of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*); or
- (h) an Interpol notice in relation to the person, from which it is reasonable to infer that the person would present a risk to the Australian community or a segment of that community, is in force.

Otherwise, the person passes the *character test*.

Substantial criminal record

- (7) For the purposes of the character test, a person has a *substantial criminal record* if:
- (a) the person has been sentenced to death; or
 - (b) the person has been sentenced to imprisonment for life; or
 - (c) the person has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 12 months or more; or
 - (d) the person has been sentenced to 2 or more terms of imprisonment, where the total of those terms is 12 months or more; or
 - (e) the person has been acquitted of an offence on the grounds of unsoundness of mind or insanity, and as a result the person has been detained in a facility or institution; or
 - (f) the person has:
 - (i) been found by a court to not be fit to plead, in relation to an offence; and
 - (ii) the court has nonetheless found that on the evidence available the person committed the offence; and
 - (iii) as a result, the person has been detained in a facility or institution.