

**Australian Parliament  
Joint Standing Committee on Migration  
Submission no. 171**

Dear Ms Vamvakinou and Mrs Markus,

My husband and I migrated to Australia in the early 90s; we were both attracted to the “carefree” spirited Australian and the freedom to be who we are. We have made many good Aussie friends in the past years, and have learned to embrace the Aussie culture, and in returns we share our culture with our Aussie friends. I do not remember there was a time where we felt that we were being discriminated because we are immigrant with different culture background. We felt absolutely included in our Aussie community.

Do we really need to inquire into “Multiculturalism in Australia?? As a migrant, I think the Australians are very accommodative and helpful to others to be part of this lovely society. Or perhaps is Multiculturalism suggesting more towards accommodating the needs of migrants, rather than requiring migrants to actually assimilate into our existing Australia Culture???

We respect the constitution of Australia and love the Christian Heritage that the society is based on, If we mix and match, then we will loose our Aussie identity.

It is important for Aussie to respect the migrant culture, but it is just as important for the migrant to respect the constitution and at the same time embraces the culture of their new country. It has to work both ways.

We must continue to uphold the belief that the freedom we have come form believing that ALL people are equal but all culture and lifestyle are not.

Australia hundred years of culture and Christian Herritage is a vital part of the society and it is what made Australia such an attractive nation in the world to live in. It will be such a shame to throw that away just to accommodate “MULTICULTURISM”.

Yours sincerely