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Ms Vamvakinou, MP

Chairperson, Joint Standing Committee on Migration

Dear Ms Vamvakinou

*Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia*

I really wanted to write some comments but unfortunately we were given so little time. I hope I am not too late.

I love my country and I am happy to welcome immigrants from other countries to share this wonderful country. And I agree that immigration has brought many benefits to Australia in the past.

Australia is based on Christian principles in our laws and culture which serve us well in this healthy democracy. Immigrants who come to Australia should be expected to accept the country as it is and be prepared to integrate and become Australian in time, having adopted our country. And I would hope they would be treated with respect and kindness as they settle here. However, if multiculturalism means altering our laws and culture to accommodate newcomers from other nations, this is simply not acceptable.

Our democracy and freedom, set up on Christian principles, is the reason many people come here. The freedom we have comes from believing that all people are equal, but that all cultures and lifestyles are not. To change this would wreck the freedom and justice we currently enjoy in Australia.

Yours sincerely