

Federal Parliament's **Migration Committee** to inquire into **multiculturalism in Australia**.

The Chairperson,

Maria Vamvakinou MP

The term Multiculturalism has a very nasty set of undertones attached to it now, and its record from other nations ahead of Australia in "multicultural" experience is surely crying out an alarm to us.

I believe our whole society has grown up on a generous basis believing that immigrants to Australia come:

1. wanting to BE Australians;
2. often happily leaving behind conditions physical and cultural that have oppressed or concerned them;
3. keen to participate in the freedoms of our country; and
4. looking forward to their future as Australians.

Unfortunately the happy immigratory history we have enjoyed till recent times – on these generous understandings – cannot continue without the complete loss of Australia as we know it. We, and most western nations, have been very trusting, expecting the best from others.

But there are peoples now who come not to fit in but to bring their whole baggage with them and take over.

They state this verbally and demonstrate it openly within our society. They, in fact, use our openness and generosity of spirit and our very laws against us, some having very aggressive goals in mind. They come not to join us but to take advantage of us and eventually take us over.

Please set about protecting our nation and our people, wherever they are from, by framing a picture requiring that immigrants come here to join in what we are already doing; a picture where their cultural colour is welcomed to add to Australia's happy mix, but where they know clearly they come to assimilate – just as most folk have in the past and still do.

Quite literally, if they love their previous way of life that much they need to stay where their customs and values are accepted. We are not racist when we say we do not want those customs and values overtaking and muddying the Australian freedoms and culture we have fought to have and keep – in fact where we are made to feel like aliens in our own land.

It was the Christian belief and ethic that produced our current "best-place-to-be-in-the-world" status and that is worth protecting in every way.

Very appreciative of the opportunity to live in Australia and to make submission to the Committee –