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I wish to make some comments into Multiculturalism in Australia.

I am not opposed to people migrating to Australia; my mother did so many years ago. I would like to point out there is a difference between immigration and multiculturalism. Immigration is where people come to Australia to adopt a new way of living and assimilate into our society and the Australian culture. Multiculturalism is where people come to Australia to start or join a community with no desire or intention to assimilate into our society. Instead they either try to change our Australian culture to that of their homeland, or at best isolate themselves from assimilation by taking over an area of a town or city in order to promote and live the old life style which they came from.

There are unfortunately some people coming to Australia who regard our way of life as 'decadent' and are trying to change our life style to what they had in their former country including their religion. Some go so far as to decree that they will and must convert us to their style of belief and religion, to which I am totally opposed. This will take away our freedom. It would mean things like swimming, sport and many other activities will be banned if they have their way. In the extreme some would require us to convert to their religion or be executed. This may sound far fetched but unfortunately is true and a few extremists can sway the rest of their ethnic or religious group with fear tactics even against their own people.

I want to see our Australian culture remain the same and not be changed by the minority at the expense of the majority. I am asking you to take a very hard look at Multiculturalism. It has NOT worked in Europe and will not work here in Australia. Once certain groups gain a little power they expect to dictate to the majority and do so in other countries. Do you think it will be any different here in Australia?