

**Australian Parliament
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To whom it may concern,

Multiculturalism for Australia seemed like a wonderfully broadminded and generous attitude to take towards those who would like to call Australia home but were not fortunate enough to be born here. I personally am fascinated and blessed by the diversity of people in the world. However when it comes to opening our doors to anyone from diverse cultures we have to realize that assimilation and non assimilation into our society can cause huge problems both for the immigrants and those born in Australia.

Our heritage is Christian and while giving a country a strong moral code and ethics by which to live, it does not force and cannot force people to adopt it as personal faith. It involves respecting others rights to think differently. Unfortunately not all religions are so generous and not all Australians are as understanding as they could be of the differences our cultural diversity brings.

It is my opinion that no one should be allowed to settle in Australia if they are not prepared to respect and uphold our way of life. They should not be able to enter politics etc before they have shown that they understand and respect our laws etc.

Deportation should be mandatory for those who do not respect our laws or who try to force their views and standards on us.

I believe- Christmas and Easter celebrations should be non debatable holidays. All Australian children should be given the opportunity to learn about Christianity and why it has made such a difference to our society.

Please consider carefully how we as country approach this whole issue and make sure that what is happening in many other countries does not happen in Australia.

Thank you for considering my thoughts,

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