

## ***Joint Standing Committee on Migration***

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**Attention: Ms. Maria Vamvakinou MP (Committee Chair)  
Mr. James Catchpole (Committee Secretary)**

### ***Re inquiry into multiculturalism in Australia (Submissions by April 8<sup>th</sup> 2011)***

Dear Ms. Vamvakinou MP  
Dear Mr. Catchpole

In response to the inquiry into multiculturalism and your request for submissions from interested parties I have outlined my views below.

For your information I was born in Australia to immigrant parents (Father from Holland & Mother from England) I am married with (2) adult children daughter 23 and son 21.

I started my first business at 25 and have owned and operated businesses since that time. At age 51 I have been fortunate to travel extensively allowing me to observe other cultures, attitudes and practices.

Since my days at primary school to the present time I can recall various waves of country / culture specific immigrants.

Although each group had its differences and problems, assimilation usually happened within 1-2 generations. It is my view that this is no-longer the case as people embracing the "all encompassing Islamic faith" cannot take hold of Australian values – for example equality of the sexes.

I believe the most significant challenge facing Australia and the Western World today is the rise of "ISLAM" This topic attracts words such as "Multiculturalism" and sometimes "Racism" but the reality is that Australian's for the most part don't care about where a person comes from, the colour of their skin or their gender. **They do care about the ideas and practices that immigrants and their children hold to.** (We can process people with documentation, metal detectors and search their bags – but we can't know their thoughts)

For many years Australia has enjoyed the benefits of multiculturalism because the people coming into this country have fitted into either of the following categories.

- 1. The came from countries with a similar value system. (For example European Countries)**
- 2. They embraced our values. (For example people coming from China)**

Historically it's fair to say that most immigrants have come to Australia seeking opportunities and a better life. Letting go of past ideas and restrictions is a natural progression that enables people to take hold of all that Australia offers.

This is not the case with those loyal to Islam. An ideology with a religious foundation has very deep roots, in reverse persons from a Christian heritage would find it difficult to assimilate into Saudi Arabia, especially true for women.

The journey on which Australia has already travelled some distance will not end with harmony, but rather with enclaves holding to thinking and practices that conflict with traditional Australian values. We can set up a task force, committees, we can develop and implement policies, we can pretend that the future will be bright, or we can take hold of reality, look at Europe and work towards protecting the Australian way of life.

Islam is anti assimilation, Mohamed's life, the doctrine of Islam (The Quran & Hadiths) and life in Islamic countries give us three solid reasons to reject this all encompassing ideology.

To those that say Islam is a religion of PEACE, I say read the Quran (Surah 9:5) Remember the Quran was completed in 632AD many years after the teachings of Jesus Christ who laid down his life for others, unlike Mohamed who participated in many battles and sanctioned the murder of his opponents.

In our politically correct society TRUTH is being pushed aside to ensure we don't offend. TRUTH will always be offensive to those with something to hide. Victoria's Religious vilification laws limit our ability to challenge ideas that in small portions undermine our way of life.

Apathy (the Mosque isn't in my street) ignorance (it's just another religion), and political correctness (If I speak out I'll be seen as a redneck and might end up in court) keep everyday Australians from making a stand today.

At some point in the future when the Mosque is next door, and non Muslims discover that Islam is not tolerant of them - we will have a problem – Just look at Europe.

Like many Australians I want my children and grandchildren to have the same freedoms that I grew up with. It is my belief that Islam initially through political correctness and later with weight of numbers threatens our freedoms and our children's future.

Our Christian value system / heritage is a significant component in what makes Australia a desirable place to live - people want to come here for a reason. Given the extremely high birth rates within the Islamic community we need to decide what value system future generations of Australians will inherit.

The PDF below is available via the Immigration Departments website (Please see comments about birth rates on page 13)

<http://www.immi.gov.au/media/publications/multicultural/grassroots/muslim-community-in-australia.pdf>

I know that many people assume that the vast majority of Muslims are secular and do not subscribe to the views of radicals, however neutral is not enough. In Australia we have laws that make it illegal for people to turn a blind eye whilst their associates commit a crime.

In second world war Germany I would assert that most people were enlightened and yet thousands through working in power plants and munitions factories passively supported a few evil men who rallied a country with a socialist ideology. I believe a religious ideology is considerably more dangerous and that Mohammad and the Quran may one day be used by radicals to mobilise the

secular Muslims. Remember how we all watched images of Muslim school children celebrating when the twin towers came down?

**Can we be sure that the foundation stones laid by moderate Muslims today will never be used / hijacked by the radicals?**

In summary we need to:

1. Embrace TRUTH and start talking about "ISLAM" not Multiculturalism. We don't have collective integration issues with Italians, Greeks, Germans, Chinese or any other people group.
2. Define ISLAM – What is a Muslim. Surely being a Muslim means that you believe Muhammad was the last prophet and that the Quran is God's word.
3. Are the teachings in the Quran compatible with the Australian way of life? (What about the value of women – see Surah's 4:34 & 4:176)
4. If the Government concludes that Islam is not compatible – develop strategies to limit its growth.

I do not count myself as an extremist and can happily dialog with Muslims, however when one begins to join the dots (swimming pool availability, photo ID/burqua, Halal food to mention a few examples) and then project into the future, I see a frightening picture. It's the future of my children and their children that have motivated me to write this email.

There are several individuals in Australia that have studied Islam for many years, these people could offer a valuable contribution to your committee. I would like to arrange a meeting where qualified experts with relevant credentials address the Joint Standing Committee on Migration – Would this be possible?

Kind Regards,

***(Concerned Australian Citizen)***