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- 1) I ask the Australian govt. what has happened to European migration which is the essence of our people? Remember the wonderful Italian, Greek, Dutch, Latvian and Lithuanian people we lured to our shores back in the 50's and 60's? Guess what? These countries are now all EU members and don't need our shores but how wonderfully they blended in?
- 2) We then soul searched our way across the Latin American continent and tempted 10's of 1000's Latinos here. Again these communities blended in beautifully and adhered to our customs and became fruitful citizens. What happens next? Latin America comes of age, post recession, and many of those who migrated here, returned to their native continent seeking the economic prosperity which (in some cases) eluded them here.
- 3) So what do we do next? Attract those from Asia and the subcontinent. Ok fair to say that Asians in general are hard working and as a percentage do not infringe on the social welfare system. Many have opened businesses (mostly food) and it seems that with the aid of borrowed funds (mostly from relatives abroad) have penetrated the barriers which were previously closed for P.R. status. So here, money buys citizenship. The Indian influx, I think is mostly on account of students entering fields previously open for immigration (eg..hairdressing&cooking) but which have since been closed after being seen as a loophole for potential migrants.
- 4) Step forward.....Australia having exhausted all its potential migration limits turns to the Middle East. The 60's, 70's and 80's saw many Lebanese Christians enter the foray and they have all contributed greatly in many areas and domains. Enter the 90's and suddenly there's an influx of Muslims. At first we get them from Arab speaking countries, and then later from Africa. The Social Welfare system is under threat, immigrants apply (and are prepared to wait) for family re-unification sparking the arrival of many young members who multiply tenfold, and now(public) housing is under threat, crime has become a considerable nuisance and of course the influx of mosques and religious schools has contributed to govt. handouts. There are far too many mosques in proportion to numbers of Muslims! Not to mention the innumerable requests by Muslim societies for a separate swimming pool area for their members plus the introduction of Halal food in mostly Christian areas.

SOLUTION: Let's stop all this migration: We've got enough people here from Asia, India, Middle East and Africa. Let us get back to the basic roots of migration and tap our resources into hidden areas of Europe: Ex Russian provinces, Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Romania, FYR, Poland, Czech republic and neighbouring areas). Let us remix the use of Europe so as no clear majority can penetrate our shores!!! Let's make it easier for those aforementioned to come here.

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