

Committee Secretary,  
Joint Standing Committee on Migration  
Parliament House

Submission to the impact of migration on immigrants and residents in Australia.

Firstly thank you for this opportunity to express the views of your constituents,  
As the son of an immigrant and friends to many first second and third generation  
immigrants to this great nation I have a first hand experience of the great benefits of  
migration to this Nation.

New arrivals have previously provided years of skilled labour on huge infrastructure  
projects such as the Snowy Hydro and Thomson Dam.

Today however we live in a very different climate, security worldwide is at an all time  
high, economies are fragile and the democratic and free western way of life is under very  
real threat.

Threat from poor immigration and assimilation policies that seemed wonderful and warm  
at the time they were first implemented, as many of the worlds leaders (particularly in  
Europe) have now recognized, poor policies are detrimental to the indigenous populations  
way of life.

Welfare handouts to new arrivals who didn't work used to be non existent, whilst cultural  
beliefs and traditions were not given special treatment, nor handed public amenities to  
accommodate them exclusively.

These two factors alone, for no lack of good intentions have done more harm to any sense  
of social cohesion than any other factor.