Madam Chair, Maria Vamvakinou, MP, Deputy Chair, Louise Markus, MP and the Committee,

Thank you for the positive comments we have heard.

We are Aussies, third generation and we are in our late 60's. We have lived and worked in western Sydney for some years.

We believe Aussies are very compassionate and we welcome the many who have and are coming to this country, bringing flavour, wanting our freedoms, wanting to integrate and become Aussies.

After seeing people come and integrate, what concerns us are the people coming to our shores over more recent times who want to change our Aussie ways. For example, our freedom of speech has been seriously challenged by the introduction of "hate speech" laws in Victoria which caused two Christian pastors to be persecuted for telling truths about Islam that were not appreciated by some Muslims.

It seems that freedom of speech in this country is being restricted to that which is "politically correct", particularly for Christians, and there is huge uproar if something is said publicly about Islam.

Our Aussie women have been insulted, called "pieces of meat", and the media have shown imams openly stating that we should have sharia law in this country.

We are the best country in the world. That's why so many people come to enjoy the freedom and the way of life that we have.

So why change what is working best? We have good Muslim friends and have worked with many Muslim people. They love their children, want the best for their families and generally feel comfortable in our shops and public places. But many of their leaders seem to believe their way is better than ours and want to change ours, which most Aussies do not agree with.

The major problem with multiculturalism is having enclaves of certain cultures living in tight communities and doing their own thing rather than seeking to become an Australian and enjoying our way of life and trying to integrate into our communities.

Australians are tolerant of other religions and other beliefs than what has through history made our nation what it is today but they are not so tolerant towards those who would seek to change our laws and customs to comply with the homelands from which they came.

The German Head of state says multiculturalism has been and is a big mistake. Other European leaders are saying the same thing. Surely your committee should be very keen to speak to these people and learn from them so we in Australia don't make the same mistakes.

Some in authority seem to think if we bend over backwards to accommodate these people , all will be ok. Why do they insist we bend to their wishes and forget our own, when we would never receive the same in the countries they come from? Why should we allow more and more mosques when Saudi Arabia won't allow one Christian church? Why do we have to sell ourselves out for these people who openly want to take us over? Wanting to protect our free country from these things is a valid wish of the Australian people. Why can't they come here and do what the majority of others did last century – bring their flavour, bring their traditions but support our Aussie way of life?

The evidence from overseas as well as what is happening in Australia indicates that multiculturalism has failed and that if it continues in our nation then the nation that so many have died for and so many love to live in will not be the same nation in a few years' time and that our children and grandchildren will not get the same "fair go" in the land of their birth as we who have gone before.

I am not asking for a "white Australia Policy", but rather for sense to prevail to change the direction of this multicultural society to protect the "Aussie way of life" before it is too late as is almost the case in parts of Europe today.

Yours faithfully