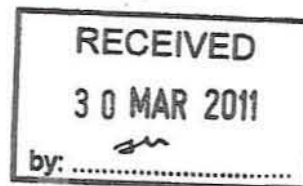


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TO: Committee Secretary,
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Ref: Inquiry into Multiculturalism in Australia.

May I direct the attention of the JSCM to a serious lack of understanding the situation of Migration generally.

Australia is not multicultural, we are MULTINATIONAL with our own Australian culture.

Multiculturalism, social inclusion and globalisation.

The spirit of 'mateship', developed from the first early settlers where everyone is welcome to become part of the family, has been gratefully accepted by migrants from all over the world. By sheer hard work, sacrifice and the contribution from people of many nationalities, modern Australia has become the envy of the world. We learned to respect each other and felt secure in this culture. This happy arrangement has been Australia's MIGRATION SUCCESS STORY.

Successive Governments have become lost when trying to include ALL CULTURES within it's framework. This has resulted in the morass of political correctness which has invaded our society and which has destroyed the original concept of Settlement, Integration and Participation.

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Settlement and Participation.

It would benefit Government and migrants alike if the earlier requirement terms for migration were revisited. For a start, all able-bodied people were required to work for the Government for a set period. This could still be implemented in the form of a National service.

More attention must be paid to ensuring all prospective Australians speak and understand our language. Not just enough to fill in the citizenship application form. Not just enough to receive Government Benefits. It must be an understanding of the Life and Living harmoniously in the wonderful country.

National productive capacity.

Many of our young people today have become frustrated with the education system which requires all students to attend school until they are 16/17 yrs. Many of these young people would have been happy to start an apprenticeship at least 2 years earlier. Not everyone yearns for a University degree. How many University graduate Film producers or Fabric designers or other so called University courses, are unemployed with a huge Government debt?

Initiatives should be implemented to encourage Small Business to employ and train more apprentices.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this serious matter.

Yours faithfully.