

I would like to express my opinion of the policy of the Government's stand on multiculturalism.

In the late 1940's and 1950's Australia took in a great number of migrants, mainly from European countries. These people quickly settled in to the country, worked hard, joined in and became valued members of the Australian community.

They learned the language, accepted our culture and respected our values and on the whole became contributing, law abiding citizens.

In recent years we have had vast numbers arrive from non-European countries, and there is nothing wrong with this - if they wish to become a part of the Australian community.

Unfortunately many do not.

And who are responsible for most of our crimes nowadays? Asian, Islander, Middle Eastern and Somali gangs.

It appears that often these gang members were actually born here of immigrant parents - so where has been any attempt at assimilation, respect for the law?

The current welfare system assists these people to live an easy life, and the great worry is that the Islanders, Middle Eastern races and Somalis have large families and can easily exist on the generous welfare system without contributing.

They often make no attempt to learn the language, live in almost closed communities, and often the young are influenced by extreme religious bigots.

Welfare should be more strictly controlled, basic assistance only until some effort is made to assimilate, no child concessions at all after the third child (a system that has been in place in Tunisia for many years - a Muslim country!), and no citizen ship for a minimum of five years or until they can speak English - whichever is the latter.

Australia, once a proud nation is being pulled down by minority groups, aided by the current Government policy.