

**Australian Parliament
Joint Standing Committee on Migration
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Dear Ms Vamvakinou,

I am Australian, and proud to be so! I'm happy for migrants to come here, but I expect them to fit in with our culture, and not try to change us to the culture they've left behind.

Is there a difference for the Committee, between immigration and multiculturalism? Australia is founded on Christian values, and I for one certainly want to see it stay that way. Multiculturalism seems to suppose that folk bring their own world view with them, and don't need to assimilate into our culture and accept our values. Many in the Middle East see Islamic Sharia law as democratic, yet Muslim Imans have stated that western democracy is an offence to Islam. Can I suggest that the Committee defines it's terms very carefully, so we understand what you are meaning? European examples of multiculturalism do not have a good result. Why do we need to go down that path?

Yours sincerely,