

**Australian Parliament  
Joint Standing Committee on Migration  
Submission no. 270**

Dear Madam,

As a former immigrant to this country and a Australian citizen of many years, I am proud to be a citizen of this great country.

I am also thankful that the freedom and prosperity we enjoy is based on a democratic system based on Christian/ Judean principles, which is well worth protecting.

Many of the recent immigrants have chosen this country because of these values.

However, multiculturalism can be seen and interpreted in various ways.

I say yes, if it means other people bringing their cultural diversity, but are willing to integrate and show a willingness to contribute positively to that which makes Australia such a great place.

Learning English, as I had to do, should be basic to that.

If however multiculturalism means to support enclaves of separate cultural groupings of people with their own language and cultural practices, with demands for special treatment within a separate legal framework etc. etc., then my answer is no.

Many European countries are feeling the impact of multiculturalism gone the wrong way at this very time.

I would be interested to know what is meant by the term 'The Government's Social Inclusion Agenda'.

Yours sincerely,