

To the Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Migration

Submission to Multiculturalism Enquiry

Dear Sir/Madam

I am concerned about the direction that multiculturalism currently seems to be taking in Australia. In particular, I believe that a willingness to be inclusive as a society has overshadowed rational and appropriate debate about the sort of society that Australia should be. As a nation, we have a definite Christian heritage and this has contributed greatly to the stability, opportunity and justice that we have enjoyed. However, in recent years, it seems that our Christian heritage has been severely eroded because governments have wanted to believe that all religions (cultures) are equal and equally beneficial.

This is not true. Recent events in the Middle East have shown that Islamic regimes do not foster the kind of freedoms that we enjoy here. Whilst it is permissible for mosques to be built here, and for people to convert to Islam, the same cannot be said of openness to Christianity in these nations. There is evidence that Australian Muslims would like to see some form of Sharia law, including banking, marriage legislation, etc, be introduced here in parallel to existing legislation. This is already happening in Britain, Europe and other places around the world. In my opinion, any moves in this direction must be detrimental to Australia and to our way of life.

I am not suggesting that we ban Islamic immigration to Australia. Only that, like everyone else who comes to our nation, Muslims must commit to assimilating with an Australian way of life.

Furthermore, I would ask that public debate about the dangers of Islam be allowed and even encouraged without the offensive (and misguided) tag of racist being applied to anyone who would speak up on this issue.

Yours Sincerely,