

Joint Standing Committee on Migration
Inquiry into Multiculturalism

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Submission

Dear Madam/Sir

Education for social inclusion.

To promote social inclusion and harmony and respect between the different cultures, religions and life-stances in Australia I think it would be very helpful to include in the curriculum of all schools the subject of comparative religion, cultures and life stances. I include life-stances because a large percentage of people ticked the no-religion box on the last census.

More sound knowledge of other Australian's cultures, religions and life stances would help reduce undeserved stereotyping and misunderstanding.

Qualified teachers should teach the subject rather than representatives of any particular organisation to avoid the temptation to push a particular religion, life-stance or culture.