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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I want to express my conviction with you regarding multiculturalism in Australia.

Fact 1: We have many countries and cultures represented in Australian society.

In this sense Australia is multicultural. However, Australia has its own culture and this is what makes it the best country in the world to live in and why many people from other countries want to come and live here. What we don't want is a country of many different cultures that are fundamentally opposed to each other. This creates disharmony and disunity, feelings of angst and cultural tensions.

Fact 2: Australia is built on Judeo- Christian principles.

Irrespective of religious conviction, the honesty, integrity, freedom, acceptance, rule of law and accountability that comes from our Judeo-Christian roots is what fundamentally makes Australia what it is. This is what underpins Australian culture. What we don't want is the introduction of other cultures that are fundamentally different and have different world-views and that can't adapt to these foundational principles of what it is to be Australian.

Fact 3: Some cultures will not assimilate into Australian culture.

This can be seen by looking at countries around the world that have allowed the development of foreign communities –with their respective cultures, to grow and then oppose the culture of the host land. For example, and specifically, Islam is philosophically and overtly opposed to the Australian democratic system and therefore, will not assimilate. In fact the very opposite is true. Islam is dedicated to imposing its philosophy of religion, business, relationships, law and values on whatever country it is accepted into. It will not change or assimilate but seek to change the host country. Already in Australia this can be seen in the way pressure is applied to curtail or remove long standing Christian traditions and events which are part of Australian heritage, all in the name of "tolerance". In these instances it is Australia that is not being tolerated by these foreign cultures. It is a culture of intolerance that is being introduced!

As your inquiry is concluded, my conviction is that a distinction needs to be drawn between immigration into our country and multiculturalism. The one brings people who want to be part of Australia, but the other brings an influence that will eventually change what makes Australia Australia. One brings diversity, variety and enjoyment, the other brings disharmony, disunity and anxiety. We want the former but not the latter.

Yours sincerely