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The Federal Parliament's **Migration Committee** inquiry into **multiculturalism in Australia**.

Australia is the best country in the world and is built on Christian Values which stem from the Christian Faith. Many have come to Australia knowing this and wishing to be part of this great country. They have brought their culture and their religion with them. We have shared their culture and welcomed those elements which are helpful. Other faiths/religions are welcome also provided that those faiths do not work against Australia.

Please discuss openly the issues of anti-Islam and anti-Christianity without fear of vilification.

It is apparent to me that an Australian cannot say anything against Islamic culture or Islamic religion/values without fear of being accused of vilification. Yet people who come to Australia from Islamic countries and follow the religion of Islam are working very hard to change Australia from a Christian country under the Australian Constitution which "relies on the blessings of Almighty God" to an Islamic or Muslim nation under Sharia law and their god Allah.

This aspect of multiculturalism must not be allowed to take hold in Australia.

Australia is a democratic country. Some Australians behave badly and are a very poor example to new-comers to our country from other countries including Islamic countries. This is not christian behaviour. Our government should do more to punish such persons who behave this way. - eg drunkenness in public, aborting the next generation, and other evils.

Islam and Christianity both deplore these vices. And that is good.

But the debate is about whether multiculturalism is good for Australia or not.

The most troublesome aspect of this is, as we have seen in other countries, the abuse of our democratic system to the point where our very identity is being challenged by people who wish to change that very identity to an Islamic one.

How do Christians fare when they go to live in Islamic countries?

Are Australians as free to live in Islamic countries as Muslims are free to live in Australia?

How are Christians living in Islamic countries treated? Very poorly indeed.

The answers to these questions are reported the the daily newspapers and on the internet every day.

The Secretary of the Council of Imams approached ALP Premier Kristina Keneally and Coalition Leader Barry O'Farrell prior to the NSW Election at which time the now newly elected Premier of NSW made it clear to the Sheik that he would not support any legislation that was "anti-Islam".

The Council of Imams were pleased with this commitment. It is of great concern to me that a commitment of this nature should be given knowing how Islam treats people who are not of their faith. It is important that we keep Australia a Christian Nation and do not allow Islamic law to creep in and over-ride our Australian law.