

**Australian Parliament  
Joint Standing Committee on Migration  
Submission no. 247**

Dear Chair of the Committee, Maria Vamvakinou MP,

I am writing briefly on behalf of my family in regards to your inquiry on the policy of Multiculturalism. There are many wonderful things that Multiculturalism has brought to Australia and I welcome many aspects such as new friends from different ethnic backgrounds, foods and other experiences. However there are some problems with the concept that need to be addressed.

Multiculturalism works well when the cultures being merged in the same Geographic location share similar operating systems such as Religion or Faith. Therefore migrants from Greece with an Orthodox background or Italy with a Roman Catholic background share all the basic norms with the "White Anglo Saxon Protestants" and Christian Aboriginal communities. In more recent times, immigrants from Vietnam and Cambodia have merged well into Australian society and within reason are enhancing our positive national experience. These people generally have been Buddhist and have fitted in reasonably well. However, there is one group that has not fitted in entirely well and represents a fundamental danger to Australia's peace and security. I draw your attention to the Islamic community no matter what their ethnic background is. Quite simply, Fundamentalist Islam does not mix well with Evangelical/ Pentecostal Christianity, Buddhism, or as the French are finding out, with secular states.

I would advise you to look closely at the Barnabas Funds information on the persecutions of Christians in Islamic countries. The Barnabas fund tries to support persecuted Christians. Here is the link; <http://barnabasfund.org/AU/News/News-analysis/> . We do not need to import anti Christian and Jewish violence into our country and end up with issues like France is having at present. Please see the following link for a taste of what is happening in France: <http://www.jihadwatch.org/2010/09/paris-muslims-block-streets-for-prayers-police-afraid-to-intervene.html> .

We cannot afford to import these problems into Australia. As we cannot discriminate based on religion I would sadly suggest our best alternative is to minimise immigration into Australia until we find a safer way to grow our population. The Multi Faith aspect of Multiculturalism policy must be addressed for the good of the country.

Yours sincerely,