

**Australian Parliament
Joint Standing Committee on Migration
Submission no. 291**

Dear Sir

In response to your request for submissions regarding this issue we humbly submit the following:

Australia is clearly a country populated by peoples from many countries.

Before WW2 our immigrants were primarily from the UK. Immediately after WW2 our immigrants were from South Europe including Italian and Greek persons.

All of these groups have contributed to the diversity of our nation but all were from mainly Christian cultures bringing with them a common belief system.

They believed the individual was important and was critical to the interrelationships between all the groups. There was a common bond between them all.

Our country is founded on Judeo Christian principles and belief system.

It is this principle that has given us the heart to welcome all and this is not based on the Hindu Caste system which does not treat all equal or the Islamic Sharia system where a women's testimony is worth half that of a man.

We are all created equal.

To preserve and promote the cultures which do not ascribe to the Judeo Christian approach to equality and the value of children, adults, elderly, men, women, disabled etc is detrimental to our society and in particular to those in underprivileged positions in our society.

To this end I believe that it is critical that these basic principles be taught to all who enter this land, not from the perspective of converting them, but from the perspective of giving the new immigrant an understanding of why we are in fact welcoming them.

We expect all people who come here to assimilate, observe our laws, believe in the importance of respecting all.

The critical assumption of multiculturalism is that all cultures are good. I put to you the caste system is not good, treating women unequally to men is not good, murdering those who do not adhere to Islam is not good, horrific initiation ceremonies are not good etc. Clearly, we do not want such appalling changes here and adverse cultures should be left at the shore when they enter this country. We need to learn the lesson from other western countries that have, to their detriment, embraced 'multiculturalism'.

Regards,