

Dear committee,

Firstly I would point out that there is a major difference between 'multiculturalism' and 'immigration. The question to be asked is, "will prospective migrants make the effort to assimilate into Australian culture", while retaining those good aspects of their native culture if they so desire.

Based on that point then it seems quite clear that 'multiculturalism' as presently evidenced is not a resounding success.

In part that is because there is a tendency to 'ghettoism' where ethnic groups settle in significant numbers in a small area and thus fail to assimilate into Australian mores.

Social inclusion is obviously not working because of this attachment to 'ghetto' living, and maybe the various State governments have failed in this by not providing greater access to housing in more regions and towns. However, failure to learn English, the national tongue in Australia,

almost guarantees that any form of multiculturalism will fail because assimilation is no longer possible if communications are not present.

Further, 'social inclusion' is definitely not 'assimilation' because social inclusion clearly implies

some form of coercion on the present population at their expense rather than encouraging assimilation

in which a peaceful and democratic society exists.

This particularly important as a number of recent migrant/refugee intakes do not have a history or understanding of democratic life, and this results in unnecessary social tension.

Sincerely

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