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I am a recent migrant from Malaysia and the reason we moved to Australia is that we know and like the Australian way of life, its values and system of government. Here we can expect equal opportunities, rule of law, mutual respect for one another, all based on democracy and a system of government that works. Having experienced discrimination at home in Malaysia as a result of government policy which lead to further segregation and polarisation of races, we made our minds not to let our children go through the same experience as we did. And that is why I find it disturbing that in Australia now, we have people who are wanting to change the Australian values and way of life which goes beyond just food and dress but the laws which gives equality to all races and sexes regardless of religion and beliefs. Can we imagine Australia having two sets of laws; one for a particular group and another for the rest! One that will discriminate against others on the basis of sex and religion! Having said this, I'd like to reiterate we welcome immigrants provided they accept our way of life and values as well as system of government. As such, we need to protect our borders well with proper screening of would-be migrants and their prospective families which they intend to bring along.

Yours sincerely,