

**Australian Parliament
Joint Standing Committee on Migration
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Hello,

Thank you for offering the opportunity to comment on this most public of issues.

In considering the present situation I have defined two distinct and separate groups of people which need to be identified and dealt with. Firstly, there are (collectively) asylum seekers and refugees. These individuals in general, take the 'long way round', by approaching and requesting asylum for whatever reason they may have. Refugees are already displaced and are assisted by international humanitarian agencies to relocate to another domicile. These two groups are the more deserving of our help and support. In most cases their circumstance is not of their own making, and fleeing is their only option for survival. We should wherever possible, try to help these groups to become productive Australian citizens if they choose to come here to seek a better life and future for their families. The TOR seem to lean towards this group and would seek to assist them to become productive members of their communities, through both social and professional development, to allow them to settle, and live under Australian law, as citizens of this country.

The other group I have identified are the illegal immigrants, the aptly-named "boat people", who apparently do not want anything more than to obtain whatever financial and social handouts Australia will provide them. These illegals are in the main of muslim faith, and do not want to be assimilated into our society; rather they tend to form their own communities within our larger one (Lakemba in Sydney for example) and then close ranks to all outsiders. The older members stay at home. Those with some authority "teach" their younger members that what they had is better than what we can offer, that their laws are better than ours (indeed they teach that our laws are corrupt), and that our way of life is therefore corrupt, diseased, and should be either ignored or eradicated. Situations in Europe and the United Kingdom clearly indicate that these are orchestrated events, not a singular isolated instance. It would seem that there has been a planned and organised scheme underway for several years to inculcate muslim society with our own, with the clear mandate to install sharia laws over our own democratic processes, thereby owning the country. These muslim communities have appeared all over the country, in cities and country towns, and in almost every case they have not made any attempt to integrate with their Australian neighbours. Rather, they have developed their own communities, opened their own shops catering to their own needs, and in many instances do not accept or recognise Australian law as applying to them.

I do not pretend to understand the intricacies of the political policy or decision making processes concerning immigration taking place in this country at this time. I am a retired soldier with 30 years service to this country. I am a father with a young family to support on a military compensation payment which does not cover the cost of living for my family. I find it absurd that these illegals receive almost as much as I do simply for entering our territorial waters. I certainly do not share the feelings of those who believe that they are helping these illegals by getting them into this country. They usually pay large amounts of money to gain passage on these boats, which by its very nature is people smuggling, an offence which I believe is still illegal in this country. If an agitator or criminal wanted to get into this country, and can afford the passage then surely, he or she could also afford the price of forged documents. Indeed, many of these illegals have no identifying documents, which I find terrible convenient given the present security levels in Australia and other democratic countries. In my opinion, these illegals should be turned around within 24 hours of arrival and returned to their point of departure. The captains or owners of the boats they arrive on should be imprisoned for a lengthy period as a deterrent and clear message that we will not tolerate further incursions, and their boats seized and destroyed.

In closing I would like to say that I love my country and have been prepared to give my life in her defence. Many thousands of veterans could and would say the same. I consider it an offence

against our nation to have these illegals entertained, accommodated and funded by our government, when their primary task should be to protect our sovereignty and population against the sort of infiltration which is apparent even to the average person on the street.

I have included my local and federal members in the mailing list in order that they be informed of the feelings of their constituents. These are my thoughts and comments regarding your inquiry into multiculturalism I trust they are received with the same intent that they were penned.

Sincerely,