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Submission to Joint Standing Committee on Migration

While I have no fundamental issues with migration, and accept that migrants usually add to the social fabric of a nation – in fact my wife is a migrant from Kenya - I do have specific concerns:

1. I am concerned about the current levels of migrants. Already we are seeing serious over-population caused environmental and social problems.
 - i. Climate change: there is no chance of reducing Australia's GHG emissions while the population continues to increase
 - ii. Water supply stresses: Yes these have eased considerably with recent good rains in eastern Australia, but there is no doubt that climate change will bring dry weather back with resulting stresses on water supplies. A constantly growing population, driven mainly by migration, will result in stresses on future potable water supplies.
 - iii. Social pressures: where I live in inner-Melbourne, we are experiencing a massive increase in population, driven once again by mainly migrants, resulting in pressures on public transport, housing prices and traffic congestion.

2. I am concerned about the increasing number of Muslim migrants and refugees. Unfortunately, unlike other migrant groups, they tend to not assimilate. And with the large numbers of Muslim young men coming in as refugees especially from Iraq, Afghanistan and Northern Africa, as well Indian Muslim men, there are potentially serious problems, as these men fail to get jobs, hang out in Muslim groups and can be the "fodder" for extremist Imams – as has already been seen in Australia, but especially in Europe and the USA.

These Muslim young men bring their unhealthy attitudes toward women into the country, and we have already seen numerous rapes and assaults on young women in Melbourne in the past few years. There have been 3 convictions for rape in the last few months in Melbourne of Muslim men, one from Afghanistan, one from India and one from Sudan.

Recommendations

1. Drastically reduce overall migration levels.
2. Reduce the number of Muslim migrants (including Muslim refugees)
3. Deport migrants, including permanent residents, who are found guilty of serious assault offences.