

With regards to the terms of reference:

“The Australian Government's objectives in commissioning this inquiry are to examine and identify future options for the intake of temporary and permanent entrants that improve the income, wealth and living standards of Australian citizens, improve the budgets and balance sheets of Australian governments, minimise administration and compliance costs associated with immigration, and provide pathways both for Australian citizens to be altruistic towards foreigners including refugees, and for Australia's international responsibilities and obligations to foreign residents to be met.”

The only option that will enable the income, wealth and living standards of Australians improve is to cease immigration. The reasons for this include:

- (1) Immigration in Australia is resulting in a high rate of population growth rate (nearly 2%). As a consequence there is less land, less mineral wealth, less space, less agricultural land, less length of coast, less water resources & etc available per person. In this context our living standards are in steady decline, and will continue to decline unless the government addresses the problem.
- (2) The need to improve and expand infrastructure for an ever increasing population is necessary just to maintain productivity. However the experience is that infrastructure delivery always lags the need. Time spent commuting to work in Sydney and ongoing road traffic congestion are reaching the limits of intolerance, adversely affecting productivity and mental wellbeing. These problems are directly attributable to population growth. By ceasing immigration, government will be in a much better fiscal position to address the infrastructure deficit, which will pay dividends in improved productivity, rather than falling ever behind.
- (3) The government, and financial media for that matter, constantly refer to the need to grow the economy and focus on the rate of GDP increase. A better indication of how the economy is performing is the examine GDP growth rate per capita. This tells whether our incomes are increasing. Recently in terms of GDP per capital growth we have almost stagnated. Because of our increasing population, it is more difficult to grow per capita income, which is obtained through productivity improvement, not more people. For example, Germany has had two decades of respectable GDP per capita growth with a zero population growth rate.
- (4) Cessation of immigration will mean the immigration department can be effectively scrapped, thereby saving \$3.6 billion.

Ceasing immigration can be done immediately, and the benefits will be available immediately. The draft recommendations just tinker at the edges and mostly involve increased bureaucratic overhead, while completely ignoring the serious threat to Australian citizens' quality of life posed by the undemocratic government policies on immigration and multiculturalism. The report ought to recommend a cessation of immigration; and that immigration and refugee policy be publically debated, and that future intake and composition may only be amended by a plebiscite – remember that government exists to serve Australian citizens.