

Submission to
Migrant Intake into Australia
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To whom it may Concern

I do not support higher migrant intake levels for several reasons.

Strong population growth does not automatically result in success and economic opportunities. The CIA World Factbook for 2014 shows countries such as Switzerland and Canada have significantly less population growth but have either the same GDP per capita or significantly higher.

Economists Joseph E. Stiglitz and Amartya Sen, in an article in the NY Times, "highlight measurements for success incorporating a broader concern for human welfare than just economic growth. They have highlighted, much of the recent economic disaster owes to the flawed belief that all policy makers need do is focus on creating growth, hoping that this would increase prosperity for all. This a singular obsession on making G.D.P. bigger, many societies failed to factor in the social costs of joblessness and the public health impacts of environmental degradation."

As Australia has a low manufacturing base and relative high dollar as compared to the region it is imperative that any immigration intake does not put downward pressure on our internal budgetary measures. It is essential that migrants should be considered very worthy of migration with high English skills and a high level of self-sufficiency.

Anyone who believes exponential growth can go on forever in a finite world, is either a madman or an economist."

~Kenneth Boulding, Economics professor

Many thanks



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