

With respect to:

DRAFT FINDING 6.1 There is widespread acceptance by the Australian community of multiculturalism. Successful multiculturalism helps Australia benefit from a diverse immigration intake and assists in maintaining social cohesion by developing respect and trust between the different ethnic groups that make up the Australian community.

The assertion “..widespread acceptance by the Australian community of multiculturalism” is not validly substantiated and therefore misleading. It appears to be drawn from surveys by the Scanlon Foundation, based whether people agreed or strongly agreed to the statement: ‘multiculturalism has been good for Australia’. Less than half the respondents strongly agreed with the statement. Furthermore, the outcome of a survey strongly depends on the manner in which its questions are framed. On the subject matter, the Scanlon Foundation cannot be considered impartial because it seeks to promote immigration and multiculturalism.

The phrase “successful multiculturalism” is not defined, and in many respects is an oxymoron. Recent terrorist attacks, ethnic crime and violence suggest multiculturalism is a complete failure. History shows that wars often arise from religious and ethnic conflicts. Australia until recently has avoided these experiences because of plentiful resources per capita. However, as Australia’s population continues to rise, primarily through immigration, the pressures of overcrowding, congestion and dwindling per capita resources will inevitably lead to increasing civil unrest and even civil war. The immigration policies of governments over the past 35 years are highly divisive and recklessly irresponsible. All major political parties along with various interest groups seem to suppress open debate and tacitly deny the public any say in the composition or quantity of migrants. Invariably one is shouted down as a racist, rather like the slogans used in one party states.

DRAFT FINDING 6.4 Immigration, as a major source of population growth in Australia, contributes to congestion in the major cities, raising the importance of sound planning and infrastructure investment. However, a larger population offers opportunities for more efficient use of, and investment in, infrastructure. While immigration levels are determined by the Australian Government, many of the impacts have to be managed by state, territory and local governments.

Add after the second sentence: “It also contributes to deterioration in quality of life by decreasing the amount of resources per capita.”

DRAFT FINDING 8.1

The finding is incorrect.

The costs of having to provide more infrastructure and the cost as represented by a decrease in per capita resources, will result in individuals being materially worse off compared to the natural increase scenario, despite the purported aging population effects.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION 12.1 The Australian Government should not use price as the principal mechanism for allocating permanent visas.

The Australian Government and Parliament should have their authority to determine immigration sources and rates removed. That is, the composition and quantity of immigrants should only be changeable via referendum. This should be written into the Constitution. Parliament has shown itself to be completely untrustworthy, and continues to damage social cohesion, quality of life and subvert Australia's independence with its obsequious and destructive policies of multiculturalism and high rates of immigration.