

## **Immigration: The movement of people between countries.**

**I am an immigrant** .. *not the typical £10 pomme I hasten to say, I paid my own fare ..* but I was born in a different country to the one I have elected to live in and that pretty much satisfies the modern definitions of immigration.

- I speak the language
- I observe the customs
- I enjoy the traditional holidays
- I own properties
- I pay my taxes
- I vote in the elections
- I can stand for public office
- I carry [and travel on] an Australian passport [even if I could often walk through the shorter UK queue]
- My children are Australian citizens
- They both received an education
- They are allowed to live their lives as they wish
- They will chose who they marry, where they live and if they want a family

All in all, we participate in and perpetuate the great Australian dreams of working hard, enjoying life and making sure that the next generation doesn't have to 'do it harder' than we did.

I am very happy with the decision I made over 30 years ago, to move to Australia.

So, who can explain to me the current immigration trend which apparently goes along the lines of - All we actually want is your land and your weather and your tolerance and your welfare .. because we don't want to be like you, *we want to continue to live exactly as we did before.*

- We don't want to share your values or your beliefs
- We don't want to speak your language
- We don't want to play your sports
- We don't actually want to know you
- And we don't want you trying to impose your culture upon us

**Call me old fashioned .. but if you don't want to be a part of the lifestyle that we cherish and that we are prepared to share .. Then don't come to Australia.**

With our blessing, please find another country that shares your views and will welcome you with open arms.

Then, with your new found friends you can build a new life and be happy, and yes, we'll be happy for you too.

A simple yet effective solution, don't you think ?

**And that's my 'slant on life'..**