

Hanson

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We vote as responsible citizens for whom we want to represent us (“Hanson’s democratic right to run for office”, 2 June), hopefully with the best interest of the nation in mind. We are a privileged people with diverse histories and cultures who have lived in relative harmony, even with the displaced First Nation people. But we are not the “Christian nation” Hanson believes should repel followers of Islam, when only 61% claimed Christianity as their religion in the 2011 Census, and there is no official national faith. The policies of hate and division which Ms Hanson has promoted since 1996, when the Liberal party unendorsed her, have found continuous favour among an Australian community which has not been educated to understand that seeking protection from persecution is a human right, that cultural and language and faith diversity is a fact of life in modern Australia and is our great

asset in the modern interdependent world.

The people of Australia need to hear it now, from the ALP and Coalition and not just the Greens, that policy and practices protecting everyone’s human rights requires strong infrastructure in any Government which must communicate and model Australian good values, with total respect for human lives. Then Ms Hanson would represent the views of fewer citizens of this blessed country.

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