

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Social and economic disadvantage may make possession of formal Australian citizenship relatively meaningless

Rights attaching to possession of Australian citizenship

Obligations attaching to possession of Australian citizenship

Dual Citizenship

Australian citizens who take out foreign citizenship

- loss of Australian citizenship
- Equality between citizens
- Undermining sense of belonging

Citizenship and immigration

- Not an immigration issue
- Existing citizens as well as immigrants

Multiculturalism and Citizenship

Citizenship and multiculturalism overlap

Citizenship is a process endowing formal entitlements

Multiculturalism is both a fact as well as a policy

Citizenship must reflect cultural diversity

Policy recommendations are aplenty

International Consequences of Citizenship

We need in Australia an increased level of debate to clarify meanings

Multi-layered governance requires multi-layered citizenship

Citizenship in an international era must recognise multiple affiliations

International law deals with rights and not democracy

Indigenous People and Citizenship

History

Contemporary experience

Recommendation:

that the debate on issues of Indigenous citizenship is critical and needs to be facilitated by bodies such as the Australian Citizenship Council

National Identity and Citizenship

Australian national identity is evolutionary

The emergence of Australian Citizenship of 1949 helped to define that identity to a limited extent due to white Australia policy

Republic question and debate has contributed to the consideration of Australian Citizenship

Short and long term steps needed

Educating for Citizenship

Understanding the operation of a political community:

- Education needs to be active

Active involvement of citizens in the political system is important

Citizenship education should take place in various contexts

Wide range of views should be incorporated