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Submission Text:

Australia being a multicultural country has always been conscious regarding equal opportunities. Many are extremely careful about being non discriminative. Nonetheless, racial discrimination still exists buried close to the surface with many people, at any part and level of society.

Being from a different country, with an essentially dark skin, I sense the discrimination at work, in the community and at work. It is in the way that people look at you, thier tone of speech and mannerisms that this is highlighted.

I believe that we need to have more community awareness. We immigrants and people from other cultures are here only for a better life. From the day we were permitted to Australia, Australia takes on the responsibility to ensure that we are treated fairly and equally. After all, we would not be permitted to this privileged country if we had not the required skills and intelligence to make a contribution to the betterment of Australia.

I am proud to be here. To be part of this privileged and wonderful society. However, I require Australia to treat me the same way I treat her and her citizens. All I ask is respect, a smile, a glance and the opportunity to show you what a valuable citizen I am and will be.