SETTLEMENT COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Citizenship and Settlement in Australia

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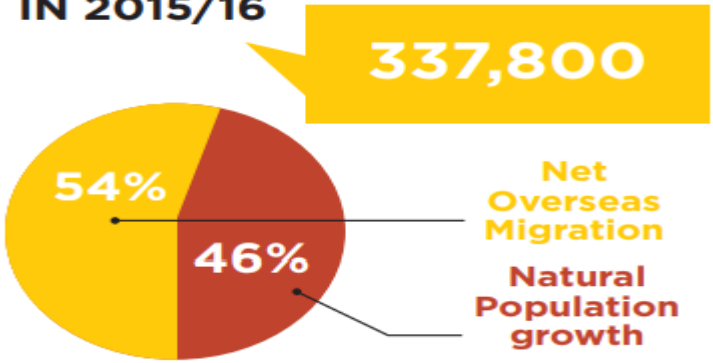
Today:

- *The role of citizenship in the settlement journey*
- *The role of citizenship in building our nation.*
- *Strengthening Citizenship*

BUILDING A NATION

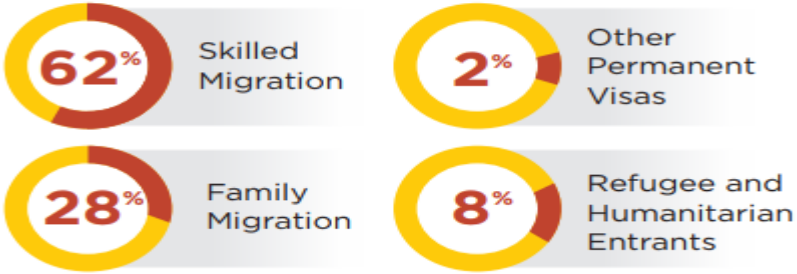
POPULATION GROWTH IN 2015/16



AUSTRALIA'S HUMANITARIAN INTAKE

In 2015 Australia announced that it would take a further **12,000** refugees from the Syrian/Iraqi conflict, not included in the above numbers

2015-16 PERMANENT INTAKE TO AUSTRALIA



As at December 2015 over **28%** of Australia's population was born overseas and another **21%** were second-generation migrants.

Top source countries:
China, India, Philippines, Vietnam, United Kingdom

MIGRATION : 2017

Federation:
Immigration Restriction Act 1901

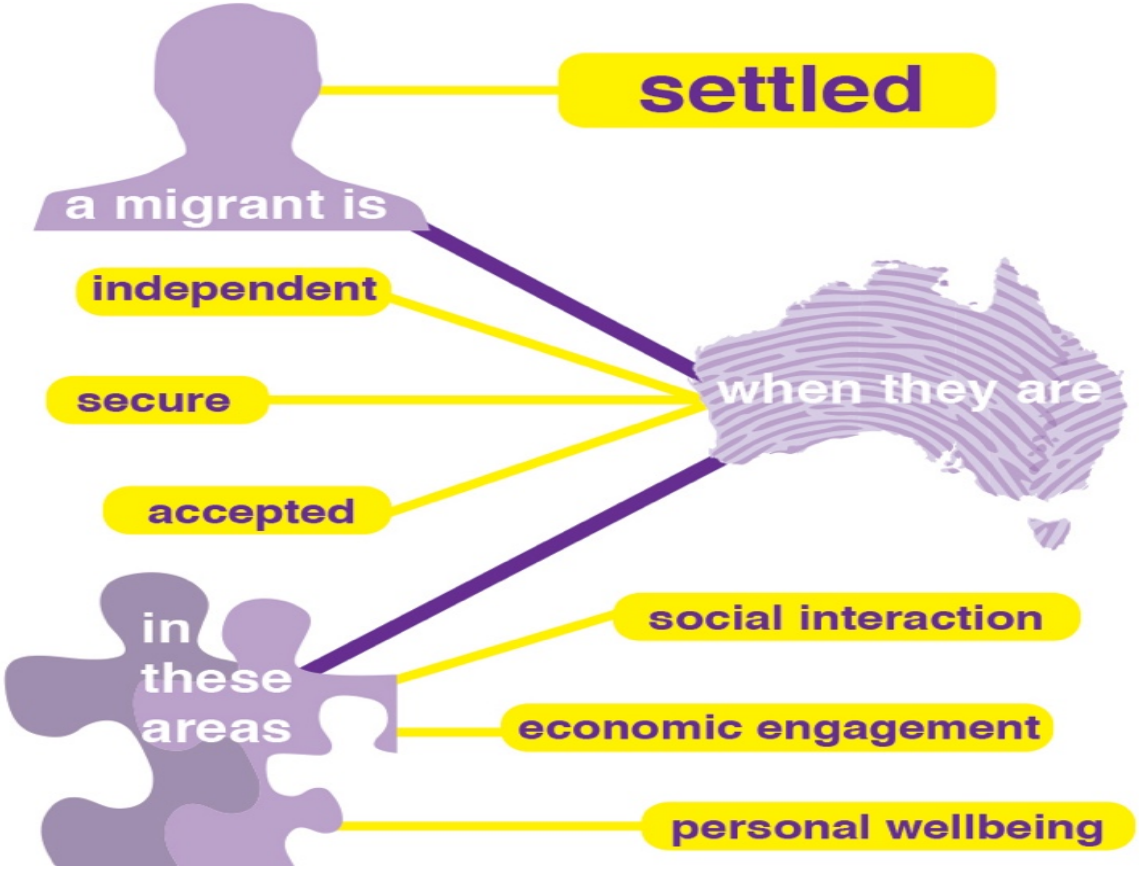
Post-War Boom: Populate or Perish!

1970s: From White Australia to Multiculturalism

1980s and 1990s: Codification

Beyond 2000: Politics and World Events

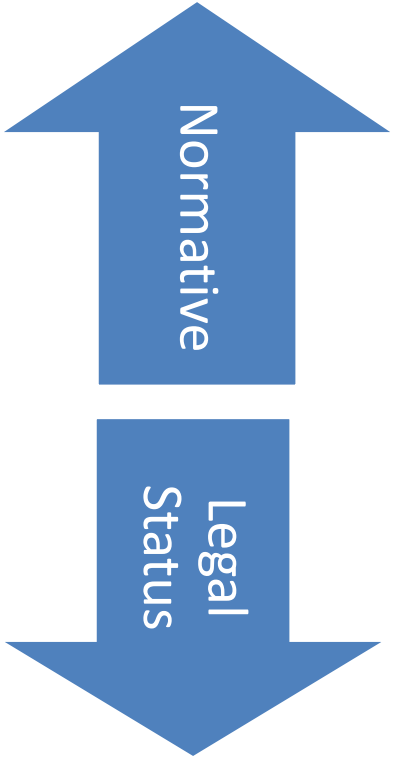
SETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

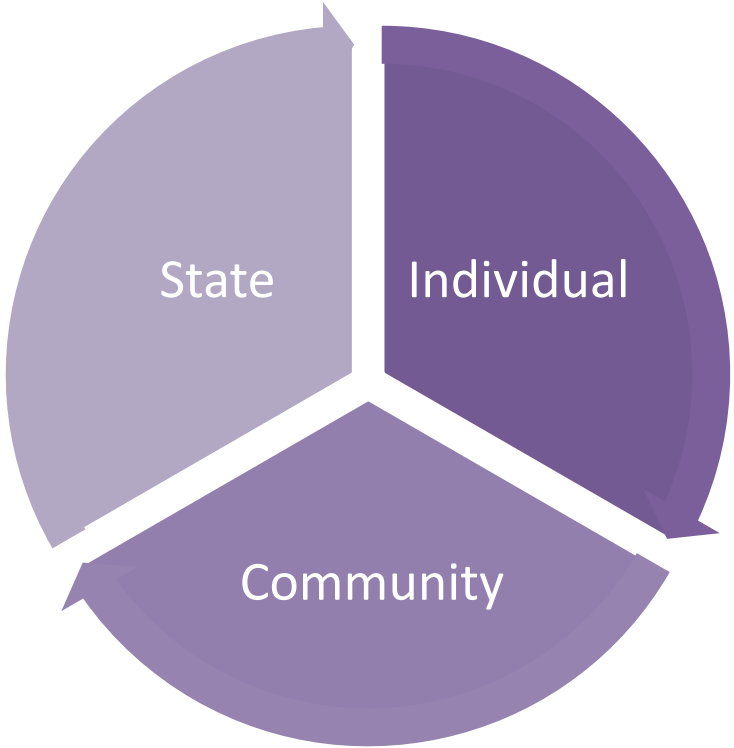


THE ROLE OF CITIZENSHIP IN THE SETTLEMENT JOURNEY

Settlement Council of Australia

CITIZENSHIP IN THEORY





THE VALUE OF CITIZENSHIP

As Australia has matured, the inclusive and non-discriminatory approach which has developed has seen citizenship become a powerful force in the creation of a united and cohesive society.

John Cobb, Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

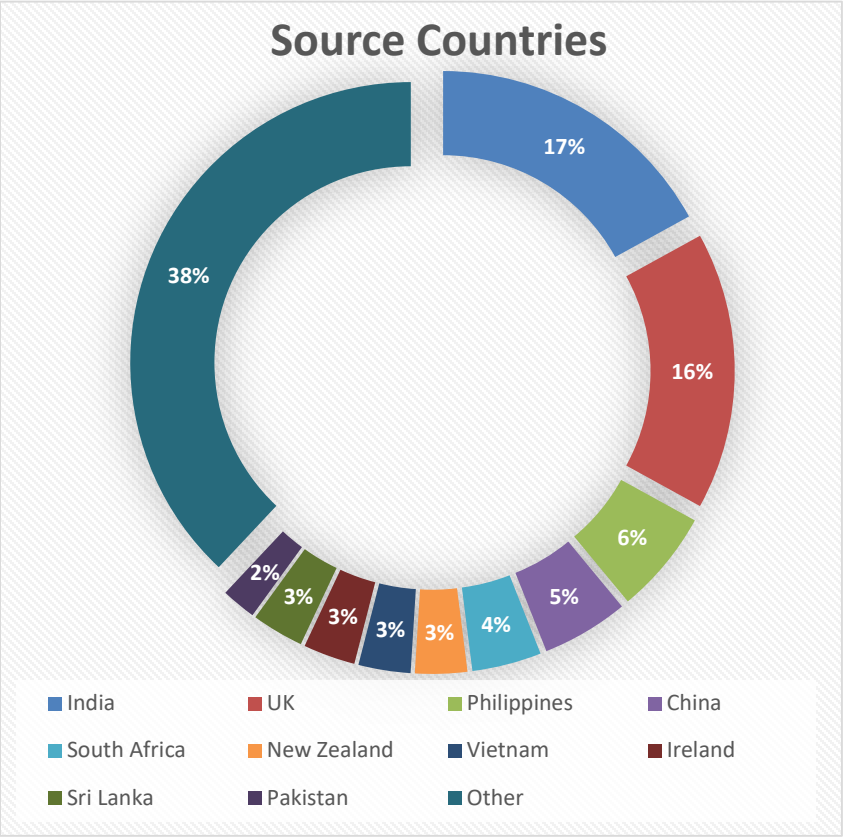
November 2005

HISTORY OF CITIZENSHIP

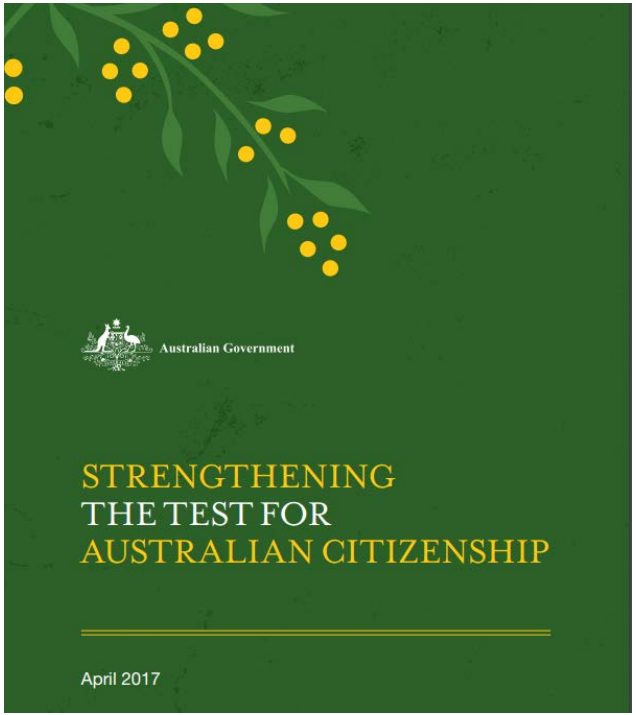
EVOLUTION OF CITIZENSHIP

5 million+ citizens since Australian citizenship was introduced in 1949

1949	2015-16
2,493 grants	133,126 grants
35 nationalities	190+ countries



2017: STRENGTHENING CITIZENSHIP



"We would like to see people adopt, adhere to and abide by Australian values. We want people to abide by our laws, we want people to work hard, we want people to be able to educate their children and to take up English language lessons"

Peter Dutton, January 2017

Proposals:

- English language – 'competent'
- 4 year permanent residence requirement
- Demonstrate integration
- Australian values

PRESERVING THE BENEFITS

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Thank you