



## Quelle

Australische Einwanderungspolitik zum Beginn des 20. Jahrhunderts, Immigration Restriction Act (No. 17, 1901) und die Rede des Senators Hoare, CPD (Süd-Australien, 24. November 1927); [Auszüge]

Immigration Restriction Act<sup>1</sup>

No. 17 of 1901

A N A C T

To place certain restrictions on Immigration and to provide for the removal from the Commonwealth of prohibited Immigrants. [Assented to 23rd December 1901]

[...]

1. This Act may be cited as the *Immigration Restriction Act* 1901.
2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears,—  
“Officer” means any officer appointed under this Act, or any Officer of Customs ;  
“The Minister” means the Minister for External Affairs.
3. The immigration into the Commonwealth of the persons described in any of the following paragraphs of this section (herein-after called “prohibited immigrants”) is prohibited, namely:—

- (a) Any person who when asked to do so by an officer fails to write out at dictation and sign in the presence of the officer a passage of fifty words in length in an European language directed by the officer;
- (b) any person likely in the opinion of the Minister or of an officer to become a charge upon the public or upon any public or charitable institution ;
- (c) any idiot or insane person ;
- (d) any person suffering from an infectious or contagious disease of a loathsome or dangerous character ;
- (e) any person who has within three years been convicted of an offence, not being a mere political offence, and has been sentenced to imprisonment for one year or longer therefor, and has not received a pardon ;
- (f) any prostitute or person living on the prostitution of others ;

[...]

5. (1) Any immigrant who evades an officer or who enters the Commonwealth at any place where no officer is stationed may if at any time thereafter he is found within the Commonwealth be asked to comply with the

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1 <http://www.foundingdocs.gov.au/item.asp?dID=16>, besucht am: 6. Dezember 2006.

requirements of paragraph (a) of section three, and shall if he fails to do so be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant offending against this Act.

(2) Any immigrant may at any time within one year after he has entered the Commonwealth be asked to comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of section three, and shall if he fails to do so be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant offending against this Act.

[...]

7. Every prohibited immigrant entering or found within the Commonwealth in contravention or evasion of this Act shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable upon summary conviction to imprisonment for not more than six months, and in addition to or substitution for such imprisonment shall be liable pursuant to any order of the Minister to be deported from the Commonwealth.

Provided that the imprisonment shall cease for the purpose of deportation, or if the offender finds two approved sureties each in the sum of Fifty pounds for his leaving the Commonwealth within one month.

8. Any person who is not a British subject either natural-born or naturalized under a law of the United Kingdom or of the Commonwealth or of a State, and who is convicted of any crime of violence against the person, shall be liable, upon the expiration of any term of imprisonment imposed on him therefore, to be required to write out at dictation and sign in the presence of an officer a passage of fifty words in length in an European language directed by the officer, and if he fails to do so shall be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant and shall be deported from the Commonwealth pursuant to any order of the Minister.

[...]

19. This Act shall not apply to the immigration of Pacific Island labourers under the provisions of the Pacific Island Labourers Acts, 1880-1892, of the State of Queensland.

[...]

Rede von Senator Hoare, Labor, South Australia, CPD, Senate, 24 November 1927<sup>2</sup>

“I have said several times in this Senate that if we cannot obtain Britishers in sufficient numbers we should seek Scandinavians, who are used to agriculture and country life generally, and make good hard-working citizens. The Southern European has a standard that is not comparable to ours. He does not make a good citizen, because he leaves Australia as soon as he has made a sufficient amount to make him comfortable in his own country. As a class they are not welcomed by the business man, because they do not spend very much. I am opposed to the migration of Southern Europeans, because it will have a tendency to break down the high standard of living that has been established in Australia.”

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2 CPD, Senate, 24 November 1927, vol. 117, p. 1809, in: Pook, Henry, Building a Dream?: A Social History of Australia in the Twenties, Melbourne 1987, S. 24.

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