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INQUIRY INTO SUPPORT FOR OLDER VICTORIANS FROM MIGRANT AND REFUGEE BACKGROUNDS

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Organisation Name:
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YOUR SUBMISSION

Submission:

I arrived in Australia for the first time in 2007 to visit my son, I kept coming to visit him for several years until 2017 that I came because I was over 65 years old and my only son wanted me to be near him. He applied for the Aged Parent Visa in 2018 and we are still waiting for its approval. He will have to pay $ 50.000 for that. I don't know if the Victorian Government can do something to accelerate this procedure. My son works at the [redacted]. He has been doing that since he arrived in Australia in 2007 and he is an Australian citizen. I worked in Uruguay for 35 years and I get my pension here. It is not a very high amount of money, but I spend that money here and pay my taxes every time I purchase things. I try to make donations when I can do it, I am fully vaccinated and I had a lot of issues to obtain my certificate. This is my major concern as it is not nice to live in the limbo. I also cannot go and visit my family in Uruguay because I won't be able to come back.

I am very happy with the Victorian Government and all the things you have been doing. I respect Mr. Daniel Andrews very much and if I could, I would vote him. I have also been in touch with Mr. Josh Burns whom I met through the Elwood Community Center through a zoom meeting.

I don't want to be complaintive but everyone needs to have some certainties.

At the same time I would like to let you know that since I first came to Melbourne in 2007 I've been noticing that security has been deteriorating. As I come from a not so safe country I felt safe here, but not now and specially in this neighbourhood. Something has to be done in relation to this. I began to notice people wanting to clean my son's car's windows (I don't remember the specific name) and I don't want people to give money to them. That happened in my country and after a while you had people begging in many corners. I don't think that giving money to people who are begging in the streets is as solution as they will use it to buy drugs or alcohol .

I know that I am not an interesting person for the country, but my son is, he has been appointed for the [redacted] award. He works a lot every week day and sometimes also during the week ends. Does he not have the right to have his mother near him?

Thank you for your attention.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Are you interested in appearing before the committee in person to talk about your submission?*: Yes

Are you a carer/family member helping an older Victorian make a submission?*:
No

Are you an older Victorian from a culturally diverse background? If yes, what is your age and cultural background? *:

I am 69 years old and I come from Uruguay. I have Spanish background as my 4 grandparents were Spanish.

FILE ATTACHMENTS

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Confidentiality:
I request the committee publish my submission, but remove my name

Signature:
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