



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
report:

Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test) Bill 2021  
[Provisions]

APRIL 2024

## **Committee Recommendations**

### **Recommendation 1:**

**The committee recommends that the Senate pass the bill.**

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since the report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.

## **Australian Labor Party's dissenting report**

### **Recommendations**

#### **Recommendation 1:**

**Labor senators recommend that the bill not be passed.**

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since the report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.

#### **Recommendation 2:**

**Labor senators are particularly concerned about the impact this legislation could have on Australia's crucial relationship with New Zealand. We therefore recommend further consultation and communication with the New Zealand Government.**

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since the report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.

# **Australian Greens dissenting report**

## **Recommendations**

### **Recommendation 1:**

**The Australian Greens recommend that the *Migration Act 1958* be amended to prevent any non-citizen who has either lived in Australia for more than 10 years, or who arrived in Australia before the age of 10, from having their visa cancelled.**

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since the report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.

### **Recommendation 2:**

**The Australian Greens recommend that the Senate reject the Bill.**

Response:

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since the report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.