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 **Mr KATTER** (Traeger—KAP) (9.26 pm): I will be attending the March for Australia march in Brisbane this Sunday. When I considered it, one of my motivations was that, knowing that it would attract a lot of criticism, a lot of people are going to try and characterise you and call you names because you do it. It is something that I feel is reaffirming Australian culture. We have values and we want to stoically say that there is value in the culture we have become accustomed to in this country and it is worth preserving. If that attracts criticism then I think it becomes important that the right people are standing up in front of the crowds to say, 'This is important to us.'

That is not to say that Katter's Australian Party is anti immigration. Of course it has been part of our history, but we are anti mass unchecked immigration. I have never agreed with this indiscriminate approach to immigration. Of course I think it should be discriminatory. I think there are a lot of people who would disagree and think that this progressive world today should not discriminate at all. Of course it should. If there are people coming to the country who want to go into enclaves and do not want to assimilate with the fine things we have become accustomed to in this country and they have this hostility towards our country where we see our flag being burned, surely that is a bit of a problem and you would want to try and limit that impact and its influence in your country. There is nothing wrong with that and we are seeing it in parts of Europe. This is not being done from a deliberate point of aggression or hostility; it is from a peaceful, stoic position to say, 'No, this is firmly how we see the future of Australia. It has been good to us.'

We are built on those Judeo-Christian values that people get sort of uncomfortable talking about now. There has been a direct correlation with the decline of people on the census form ticking Christian or that they identify as Christian, the breakdown of family units here in Australia and the breakdown of many things in society, so it is something to be chastised, but I think it is a good foundation. That is not to say that everyone has to go to church; it is just that there are some values that we have become accustomed to that set a pretty good foundation for our society. That is a good thing to celebrate and it is something I am pretty proud to stand beside.

If I went to another country and they had other customs and other ways to live, I would try to appreciate that and assimilate and fit in with them because that is how they do it. I am not going to go over there and burn their flag and say, 'You've got to change because we're like this.' I would not do that and we should expect the same thing over here. We should be encouraged to wave our flag and call it out when it is getting burnt on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. However, people are getting scared to call that out and they are saying, 'You can't do that because you'll be characterised as Neo-Nazi or something else'—just because you want to reaffirm those values. I will be there and I hope a lot of other people will be there to make a peaceful, stoic stand for Australian values.