Australia has operated over the last 50 years a highly successful immigration program. This has absorbed millions of people in successive waves from a great diversity of backgrounds. It has done so without major threat to social cohesion or internecine stability. At present, the influx of permanent settlers (in addition to ever growing temporary migration) is at one of the three highest levels in the post-war period. The shortage of skills in Australia is likely, moreover, to encourage the Federal Government to increase this intake even further. The Scanlon Social Cohesion Research Program 11

**Australia**

Australia operates a diverse and successful multicultural policy that brings enormous benefits to the Australian community. We are proud to be associated with this Scanlon Foundation initiative.

**Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements**

Established in 2003, the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements aims to increase Monash University's research profile through the study of diverse and connected movements of people. It helps to movement of people. It helps to

**Metropolis 2007**

Metropolis 2007 is being organised by the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements in association with scholars from elsewhere, including ANU and Chatham House in London. The Social Cohesion Research Program has been generously funded by the Scanlon Foundation, and is being undertaken by Monash University researchers in association with scholars from elsewhere, including ANU and Chatham House in London. This vital project will be launched at the 12th International Metropolis Conference in Melbourne, 8 to 12 October 2007. The Scanlon Family established the Scanlon Social Cohesion Research Program. This program's target is to examine these issues, a major research initiative on social cohesion on Australian and other societies has begun. The Social Cohesion Research Program has been generously funded by the Scanlon Foundation, and is being undertaken by Monash University researchers in association with scholars from elsewhere, including ANU and Chatham House in London. This vital project will be launched at the 12th International Metropolis Conference in Melbourne, 8 to 12 October 2007. The Scanlon Foundation believes this project will play a significant role in the ongoing process of social cohesion in Australia and the contribution of its peoples in the development of Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements**

Established in 2003, the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements aims to increase Monash University's research profile through the study of diverse and connected movements of people. It helps to

**Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements**

Established in 2003, the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements aims to increase Monash University's research profile through the study of diverse and connected movements of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to

**The Scanlon Foundation**

In June 2003 the Scanlon Family established a Foundation with a mission to support the creation of a larger, cohesive Australian society. Much of Australia's prosperity and culture is a consequence of a large movement of people. It helps to
**Project 1: Mapping of Settler Pattern in Australia.**
Led by Dr Nick Economou, of Monash University, this project will map and identify the Australian population down to Local Government Area [LGA] level by country of birth, language spoken at home, religion, and ancestry. It will provide the framework for survey sampling purposes and is a basis for obtaining material to assist testing of social cohesion determinants and the testing of hypotheses implied in Projects 2, 3, and 4. The expertise and data collection of the Monash Centre for Urban Population Research will be employed for this part of the interconnected study segments.

**Project 2: Components of Social Cohesion.**
In the context of recent Australian debates concerning immigration and social cohesion, there is an urgent need to define the concept of social cohesion and develop a framework of key indicators or components of settlement outcomes and cohesion. This project, led by Professor Andrew Marcus, and Dr Michael Ure, of Monash University, will adapt and apply these concepts and frameworks to broaden understanding of the nature and current state of social cohesion in Australia, and develop a set of indicators that can identify and track changes in the impact of immigration.

**Project 3: Attitudinal Survey Design.**
Under the direction of Dr Nick Economou, of Monash University, this project involves two distinct parts: based on the results of Projects 1 and 2: (i) a qualitative stage with a cross section of people and locations selected as most likely to contribute to understanding attitudinal determinants of social cohesion; and (ii) design of a questionnaire format to measure attitudes to social cohesion. Project 3 is linked to Project 1, which identifies areas with significant cohorts of community types most likely to test the boundaries of social cohesion and community harmony. It is also linked to Project 2, which will provide key components/ indices of social cohesion for qualitative elaboration and results of qualitative interviews from Monash’s Springvale Community survey work.

**Project 4: Benchmark Survey of Attitudes to Social Cohesion.**
The project includes the pre testing of questions and pilot testing of the questionnaire to be administered in the benchmark survey of attitudes to social cohesion. It will be based on a national representative sample of the Australian population and is intended to be the first comprehensive measure of the condition of social cohesion in Australia. Also supervised by Dr Nick Economou, and under the auspices of the Australian Multicultural Foundation, an independent survey firm will be commissioned to undertake the detailed survey.

**Project 5: Constructively Attaining Social Cohesion in Australia.**
This major research initiative will be undertaken by Monash researchers in association with scholars from elsewhere, including Chatham House in London, in the following segments:

**Project 5: Constructively Attaining Social Cohesion in Australia.**
Building on other parts of the Scanlon Foundation’s Social Cohesion Research Program, in particular Project 2 (Components of Social Cohesion) this work involves the compilation of an edited volume entitled “Constructively Attaining Social Cohesion in Australia”. The object of the publication is to define and analyze the means by which social cohesion in Australia can be constructively strengthened (and by implication, the current threats to social cohesion countered). The publication will be edited by Professor John Meavenbyhuyern, Hans Deel and Dr James Apps, and will include contributions from a range of Australian scholars and researchers with expertise in their field.

**Project 6: Minorities in Australian and International Societies.**
This project involves the expertise of Dr David Wright-Neville, of Monash University, and Drs Bobo Lo and Nadim Shehadi of Chatham House, London, arising from the danger that new arrivals in a country may undertake acts of political violence. The implications for high level, widely sourced immigration programs, are obvious: the threat of violence potentially disrupts social cohesion, the willingness of the host population to countenance continuing inflows of people from abroad, especially from activist countries, becomes highly compromised. The rationale for this project is that the lessons learned elsewhere and the comparative policies adopted are relevant to the future of Australia’s immigration, settlement and social cohesion policies.