White Australia

Links to documents on the National Archives of Australia website which outline legislation and other government action to install a White Australia policy - to remain in force for well over half the twentieth century.

A list of legislation and reports relating to immigration, from the enactment of the Immigration Restriction Act in 1901 to the virtual suspension of immigration during the Second World War:

The Pacific Island Labourers Act Amendment Act of 1844 (Queensland) which severely restricted where Pacific Islanders could live and work in the state:

The Pacific Island Labourers Act 1901 (Commonwealth) which enacted the law to deport the vast majority of Pacific Islanders from Australia from 1906:

The Immigration Restriction Act 1901 (Commonwealth), which aimed to exclude all non-European migration to Australia and was the cornerstone of the White Australia policy:

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