



**The Hon Chris Bowen MP**  
Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Soon you will make the pledge of commitment to Australia, our people and the principles which define our society. By making the pledge you accept the privileges and responsibilities of Australian citizenship.

Today marks the end of your migrant journey and the start of your new life as an Australian.

Australia welcomes you and encourages you to contribute to your new country to help build our great nation.

You will belong to one of the world's most diverse nations and our Australian citizenship is a bond which unites us all.

On behalf of the Australian Government I formally welcome you and wish you the very best as you share in our country's future.

Congratulations!