

# ‘Unwanted Australians’ call for official acknowledgment of unfair treatment

A group of post-war migrants denied citizenship by Australia for decades on political grounds are calling for the government to formally acknowledge their mistreatment.

The group were given adverse security assessments, and subsequently had their citizenship claims refused, on the basis of their individual political beliefs.

It also meant waiting decades to gain naturalisation or become a permanent resident, resulting in the inability to temporarily leave the country to visit family overseas.

Pathways to citizenship are the foundation of successful settlement, belonging and acceptance in any society, and are highly valued by Australia’s diverse communities. The Federation of Ethnic Communities’ Councils of Australia (FECCA) supports the calls for the Government to acknowledge the unfair treatment of these post-WWII migrants, as an important step in preventing similar injustice in the future.

This is part of a special investigation on ‘*Unwanted Australians*’ by SBS Journalists Kristina Kukulja and Lindsey Arkley. You can read the [full report here](#).

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