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# FOUR-YEAR WAIT TO BE AN AUSSIE

**EXCLUSIVE:** Then you must pass an English test

By **NICOLETTE BURKE** Political Reporter

**MIGRANTS** will have to wait at least four years before becoming Australian citizens under a Federal Government proposal expected to be announced today.

They will have also have to take an English language test — and failure would stop them becoming Aussies.

The measures are expected to be listed in a discussion paper to be released by parliamentary secretary for immigration Andrew Robb.

Prime Minister John Howard said yesterday the English language requirements feature “prominently” in the package.

“I am keen on everybody learning the English language as soon as possible,” he said. “It is absolutely essential.”

*The Daily Telegraph* understands the

proposals also include an increase in the waiting period for people to become citizens from three years to four years.

The requirement was last year raised from two to three years, in an attempt to contain the home-grown terror threat. At

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## Saved from cannibals, eaten alive by Naomi



By Sydney Confidential's  
**FIONA CONNOLLY**

SIX-year-old Papuan boy Wawa was almost eaten by a tribe of cannibals — but *Today Tonight's* Naomi Robson got to him first.

The orphan boy was to become the latest gimmick in *Today Tonight's* bid for viewers with Robson and her crew heading to the sensitive area on a rescue mission to bring the boy back to Australia.

Now he has become the innocent pawn in a tawdry slanging match between the

two major free-to-air networks after Robson's heroics went off the rails.

Indonesian police stopped Robson before she could reach Wawa — but they could not stop her from making the boy's story a new low for the ratings-hungry networks.

As Robson flew from Papua to Jakarta last night to be deported for visa breaches, TV executives swapped accusations about underhand tactics for an exclusive — with Seven claiming Nine didn't care if the boy was eaten.

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