



**Ethnic Communities
Council of Queensland**

Our Vision, Mission & Objectives

Our Mission "that all people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds have equal access to services and can fully participate in all aspects of a cohesive and harmonious Queensland" is achieved through a combination of targeted advocacy, representative and consultative functions, and service development and delivery.

Our objectives and goals are:

- To negotiate with government and community agencies so that culturally and linguistically diverse people have equitable access to community resources and services.
- To promote collaborative action and cooperation between diverse groups and organisations on issues of common concern and to ensure their effective participation in matters which affect them.
- To initiate and promote research into the social and economic conditions of culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Queensland.
- To advise and inform governments and other organisations of the needs and priorities of culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- To supportively encourage culturally and linguistically diverse communities to develop and deliver services which meet the social, cultural and economic needs of their members.
- To encourage people from diverse cultures to participate in the social, educational and economic life of Australia and in any other activities conducive to good citizenship.

Our activities and services encompass:

- Advocacy
- Community Development Programs, such as for New & Emergent Communities
- ECCQ's Women's Ethnic Network
- ECCQ's HIV / AIDS, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections program
- ECCQ's Sexual Health Network and support groups
- ECCQ's Resource Library
- Multicultural policy development
- Research on multicultural issues
- Promotion of members' access to community and government services
- Auspicing
- Letters of Support for grant and funding applications