Declaration of Principles for a Multicultural South Australia


Principles

The Government of South Australia

BELIEVES that all individuals are equally entitled to participate in and benefit from our democratic South Australian society

VALUES the knowledge, experience and skills present in our community that enhance the State’s social, cultural and economic development

AFFIRMS the right of all individuals to maintain, develop, express and share their cultural heritages within the legal and social framework of our State

IS COMMITTED to the principle of access and equity for all South Australians and to the prevention of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, language and culture.

Commitment

The Government of South Australia is committed to ensuring that all Government activities are inclusive of and value cultural diversity.

This means:

PROMOTING an understanding and appreciation of the benefits of diversity

DEVELOPING flexible and innovative policies and practices which are responsive to

the needs of the whole South Australian community

ENCOURAGING all South Australians to contribute to, and participate in, all levels of public life and decision making

ENSURING that the Public Sector reflects and utilises the diversity of the community it serves

ENCOURAGING the development of language skills through education and in the public sector

REMOVING any unlawful barriers based on ethnicity, religion, language, race and culture which may prevent fair access to and outcomes from, Government services

PROMOTING through the network of various chambers of commerce and business councils, the development of export trade

RECOGNISING that the diverse cultural assets of South Australia are a valuable resource for the development of a stronger community for the benefit of all South Australians.