

# Declaration of Principles for a Multicultural South Australia

Government of South Australia Declaration of Principles for a Multicultural South Australia, 1995.

## 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.