

Principles for Tasmania's Culturally Diverse Society

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Introduction

The Government believes that the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Tasmanian population is a valuable asset which enhances all aspects of life.

To maximise the potential of this asset for the benefit of all Tasmanians, and to assist in strengthening our cohesive and harmonious society, the Government has introduced a set of principles to guide the development of the policies and services of all public sector organisations.

The principles are:

To recognise and value the diversity of cultural and linguistic resources and the skills of all Tasmanians as social and economic assets, and to develop and use these resources and skills for the overall benefit of Tasmania.

To recognise and encourage the right of all Tasmanians to participate in, and to contribute to, the social, political, economic and cultural life of Tasmania.

To accept and respect the culture, language, and religion of all Tasmanians within the framework of the laws of the Commonwealth and the State.

To recognise the rights of all Tasmanians to fair access to the services of the Tasmanian Government, taking into account the needs arising from the cultural and linguistic diversity of the community.

Application

The Tasmanian Government's Office of Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs will guide public sector organisations in the application of these principles.

Accountability

Public sector organisations will provide information to the Office of Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs on the application of these principles as part of an annual budget-time statement by the Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs.