

# Victoria's Multicultural Review Stakeholder Pack

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# Background

In December 2024, the Victorian Government announced several measures to address social cohesion challenges in Victoria to strengthen community harmony.

This included the delivery of a targeted multicultural review, led by multicultural leader George Lekakis AO, which will examine Victorian multicultural policies, institutions and programs.

A targeted advisory group of community experts will support George Lekakis AO in this work. The group is made up of Hass Dellal AO, Carmel Guerra OAM, Miriam Suss OAM and Mark Duckworth PSM.

Victoria's Multicultural Review will provide recommendations to the Victorian Government on how it can ensure Victoria's systems, organisations and policies are set up to resolve conflicts, build bridges and celebrate the strength of our multicultural and multifaith communities. The group will rely on community feedback to inform the Review.

This pack includes resources which can be shared more broadly to encourage participation in community consultation sessions.

# Call to action

You can support Victoria's Multicultural Review by:

- Encouraging community members to participate in an in-person or online community consultation session or submit a written submission
- Sharing the social media post in this pack with your community via online channels such as WhatsApp, WeChat, Messenger and Facebook groups
- Sending an eDM to your community members
- Recording an audio message to share via your channels.

# Key Messages

- The Victorian Government is taking important steps to strengthen social cohesion, ensuring all Victorians are supported, empowered and feel a sense of belonging in our state.
- That's why the Victorian Government has launched Victoria's Multicultural Review, to examine and strengthen policies, institutions, and programs that support and celebrate our diverse communities.
- The Review will be led by George Lekakis AO, a respected multicultural leader, who will be supported by a targeted advisory group of community experts, including Hass Dellal AO, Carmel Guerra OAM, Miriam Suss OAM and Mark Duckworth PSM.
- The Review will provide recommendations to ensure government systems, organisations and policies better reflect and support the needs of diverse multicultural and multifaith communities, now and into the future.
- An integral part of this process is ensuring multicultural Victorians have a say in shaping future policies through participation in community consultation sessions, and through providing written submissions.
- Community consultation sessions will be held across regional and metropolitan Victoria including in Geelong, Shepparton, Morwell, Wyndham, Brunswick, Cranbourne, Springvale, Craigieburn, St Albans and North Melbourne.
- This Review builds on the Victorian Government's ongoing commitment to supporting multicultural and multifaith organisations drive long-term change to become our champions of cohesion.
- For more information on where and when consultation sessions will take place and how to participate, please visit [vic.gov.au/victorias-multicultural-review](https://vic.gov.au/victorias-multicultural-review)

# Social Media

**Post copy:** Take part in a community consultation as part of the Victorian Government's Multicultural Review.

The Review is a great opportunity for you to provide valuable input to help strengthen social cohesion, combat discrimination, and ensure multicultural policies reflect the needs of all Victorians.

Community consultation sessions will be taking place online and in-person across regional and metropolitan Victoria.

- For more information and to find a consultation session near you, visit [vic.gov.au/victorias-multicultural-review](https://vic.gov.au/victorias-multicultural-review)

**Headline:** Your voice is crucial in shaping the future of Victoria's multicultural policies.



# Email

**Headline:** Have your say on Victoria's Multicultural Review

The Victorian Government is committed to strengthening and celebrating our state's vibrant multicultural communities.

As part of Victoria's Multicultural Review, community consultation sessions will be held online and in-person across 10 local government areas in regional and metropolitan Victoria.

Your input is crucial to ensure we create a future that promotes unity, combats discrimination, and strengthens social cohesion.

The Review will focus on shaping policies, institutions, and programs that reflect and support the needs of our diverse communities.

Why your participation matters:

- Help shape future multicultural policies and programs
- Contribute to strategies that confront discrimination and promote social unity
- Ensure that Victoria's policies continue to support and celebrate diversity

We encourage you to take part in these consultation sessions and share your experiences and ideas.

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# Radio script

The Victorian Government wants to hear from you. Be a part of Victoria's Multicultural Review to help shape the policies that strengthen social cohesion, combat discrimination and ensure multicultural policies reflect the needs of all Victorians.

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For more information on how to participate, visit [www.vic.gov.au/victorias-multicultural-review](http://www.vic.gov.au/victorias-multicultural-review)

# Thank you

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay our respect to them, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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