

Terms of reference

The Council for Multicultural Australia will:

- assist the Government to promote Australia's cultural diversity as a productive and unifying force in our society;
- act as an external expert group in relation to the Government's multicultural policy and programs; and facilitate strategic working relationships between government, business leaders and the private sector, and the wider community;
- contribute to raising awareness and understanding of Australian multiculturalism with particular emphasis on:
 - the benefits of community harmony and social cohesion, particularly through the Living in Harmony initiative, including Harmony Day;
 - the economic and social benefits of cultural diversity, particularly through the Productive Diversity program, and;
 - the relevance of Australia's multicultural policy for all Australians;
- assist and represent the Minister in promoting Australian multiculturalism;
- provide advice on specific matters referred to it by the Minister; and
- report to the Minister as appropriate on the Council's activities and achievements.