

Letter to Prime Minister Hawke

**From Jack Passaris, Ethnic
Communities' Council of
N.S.W.**

**Re: Equal Disappointment
Opportunity? Report**

19th May 1988

The Hon. R. J. Hawke, MP,
Prime Minister of Australia,
Parliament House,
Canberra A.C.T. 2600

Dear Mr Hawke.

On Friday 6th May, 1988, a Public Forum was held with regard to the Community Services Report on ethnic needs entitled:- "Equal Disappointment Opportunity...?" which was completed in 1987 and has not been widely released to date.

The Forum was well attended with approximately one hundred (100) people, from the community and government sectors and interested individuals. The Hon. Franca Arena, MLC, chaired the meeting, with speakers from the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre and a representative from the Department of Community Services and Health, Ms Marie Coleman, Acting Director, Portfolio Analysis Unit.

The Forum passed two resolutions at the end of the meeting, which are as follows: -

Resolution 1

This meeting believes that, as a matter of

principle, reports which are the result of Consultancies commissioned by Government Departments should be released for community response.

Resolution 2

This meeting calls upon the Hon. R. J. Hawke to ensure the publication and the distribution of the "Equal Disappointment Opportunity..." Report.

The E.C.C. of NSW, as part of the organising committee (listed fully below) forward the above resolutions to you for your information and look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Ald. Jack Passaris
ACTING CHAIRPERSON

cc.

Dr N. Blewett, MP, Minister for Community Services & Health.

Ms B. Hounslow, Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

Ms H. Meekosha, Lecturer in Community Work, University of NSW.

Dr P. Shergold, Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Mr G. Wojak, Chairman, F.E.C.C.A

Dr A. Jakubowicz, Assoc. Professor of Humanities, Social Sciences, University of Technology, Sydney.

**Organising Committee For The Public Forum,
6th May, 1988**

Ethnic Communities' Council of NSW

NSW Council of Social Service

NSW Council on The Ageing

NSW Combined Pensioners Association

Disabled Peoples' International (NSW)

Ethnic Disabled Action Group

Community Child Care

Immigrant Womens' Speakout Association
(NSW)

Youth Accommodation Association

Social Welfare Workers Union (NSW)

Administrative and Clerical Officers Association
(NSW)