MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

NEW VOICE FOR MULTICULTURALISM

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A new Advisory Council on multicultural affairs has been created to provide a voice for the multicultural community on issues of interest.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Peter Styles said Expressions of Interest are currently being sought for the Minister’s Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MAC-MA).

“I am very excited about this new initiative and the opportunities it will provide,” Mr Styles said.

“MAC-MA has the ability to influence changes in the Territory – the opportunities available here are just fantastic.

“The Council will provide high level and strategic advice and provide effective links between government and the multicultural community to improve policy outcomes.”

The key roles for members are to:

- Advise the Minister on matters that are of interest including emerging issues facing the multicultural community.
- Explore and discuss how the needs of the community can be effectively met by service providers and;  
- Direct specific tasks to the relevant working groups as determined, to address issues such as health, employment, and community safety.

MAC-MA will provide advice on the participation of migrants and the promotion of cultural diversity in the Northern Territory’s social, economic and civic life.

“I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in being involved in such a rewarding group or anyone who wants the opportunity to make a difference to apply for this new initiative,” Mr Styles said.

“I am very much looking forward to what this Council can bring to our government.

“We have such a strong multi-cultural society here in the Territory and I believe this new advisory Council will just go ahead in leaps and bounds.”

Expressions of Interest will close on Friday 21 March 2014 – for more information visit www.dcm.nt.gov.au

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