Dale Wakefield
Minister for Territory Families

**Territory Government seeks advisors for Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs**

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The Territory Government is calling on members of the multicultural community to step forward to sit on the Minister’s Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA).

The advisory council provides strategic advice to Territory Families Minister Dale Wakefield, whose portfolio includes multicultural affairs.

Expressions of interest are being sought for nine advisors.

“Multiculturalism and diversity is one of the Territory’s biggest strengths,” Minister Wakefield said. “As leaders we must ensure that all voices have their say in the creation of a shared and inclusive future. It’s vitally important that multicultural communities have a say to help improve policy outcomes.”

Minister Wakefield said one need look no further than the NT Legislative Assembly to see the impact of multiculturalism on the Territory.

“There’s Sandra Nelson, the first Timorese refugee to be elected to an Australian parliament. And, of course, Lauren Moss, who is not only the youngest MLA in Territory history, but also the first Minister of Indian heritage,” the Minister said.

The Council will 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 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, so that members of the multicultural community can best participate in all aspects of life in the Northern Territory
- Direct specific tasks to the relevant working groups as determined, to address issues such as health, employment, and community safety
- Meet biannually

MACMA will provide advice on the participation of migrants and the promotion of cultural diversity in the Northern Territory’s social, economic and civic life as well as to explore social cohesion issues affecting the NT society.

Participants on the Council will be selected on their skills, knowledge, experience and broader multicultural community participation and/or representation.

To apply fill out the [online form](#) or download the word document [Expression of Interest form](#). For more information, please contact Office of Multicultural Affairs

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**Expressions of Interest close on COB Friday 2 December 2016.**

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