



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

14 October 2024

Ms Helen Burnet
Member for Clark
Via Clerk of the House

Dear Ms Burnet

I write on behalf of the Tasmanian Government in response to your question regarding the multicultural portfolio.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government has always supported our multicultural communities, including establishing the Moonah Multicultural Hub, funding a multicultural hub in the North of the State, establishing and continuing to support Harmony Week, and establishing the Safe Haven Hub to provide education, support and employment pathways for refugees.

An important part of our 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's future is to support our multicultural communities by:

- Supporting the ongoing work of the popular Moonah Multicultural Hub through \$150,000 over two years;
- Supporting refugees and migrants into employment through the Safe Haven Hub Multicultural Employment Services;
- Providing an uplift in funding to \$175,000 per annum to the peak body, the Multicultural Council of Tasmania;
- Supporting more than 120 small businesses through a new \$400,000 grant program for multicultural small business growth, to help build capability and new skills;
- Celebrating our diverse communities through a new \$80,000 small Multicultural Community Festival Grants Program that brings people together;
- Reducing racism in our communities through a \$500,000 program that supports social connection and sense of belonging for migrant and refugee people and communities; and
- Providing \$50,000 for outreach to the North-West through the Welcome Cultural Services.

The Minister responsible for multicultural affairs, the Minister for Community services, regularly engages with the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, Migrant Resource Centre, Welcome Cultural Services and representatives of multicultural communities and will continue to do so to understand their needs and support their important work.

Thank you for your question and your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff'.

Jeremy Rockliff
Premier