

## Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council Meeting communique

31 August 2016

The inaugural meeting of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (the Council) was held on Wednesday 31 August 2016.

The Honourable Grace Grace MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Chair of the Council, congratulated members on their appointment and spoke about her aspiration to work innovatively in promoting cultural diversity.

The purpose of this first meeting was to induct the new members. It was noted that members have been appointed as individuals rather than as representatives of specific cultural groups or organisations.

Members were informed about the development of a promotional strategy for the Multicultural Queensland Charter and discussed the benefits of engaging with the corporate sector. Members were also provided with an update on the development of the multicultural policy and action plan, including the three themes previously identified with the interim Multicultural Community Reference Group – access to economic opportunities; welcoming and inclusive communities and culturally responsive government.

The Council discussed the development of a work plan based on a number of identified priorities to focus its activities for the year ahead with further work to occur at the next Council meeting in late September 2016.