

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

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Tasmania is a place peoples from more than 170 different nations and cultures call home.

Tasmania is becoming increasingly diverse and vibrant and prosperous as a State. Our different cultural communities also enrich community life to everyone's benefit.

Multicultural activities and events, however, receive low levels of grant funding.

Grants to different cultural community groups can help new arrivals, build communities, and foster deeper understanding across cultures.

This year's round of grant funding only funded 16 programs across the State. For a culturally diverse state, we can do better.

We must ensure that a diverse range of cultural groups have the opportunity to celebrate and share their cultures.

THE GREENS WILL

- ▲ Increase recurrent funding to the Multicultural Council of Tasmania.
- ▲ Increase Multicultural Grants funding.
- ▲ Fund anti-racism programs in schools.

MULTICULTURAL FUNDING

The Multicultural Council of Tasmania has less funding than many other peak bodies. The Greens will provide an additional \$50,000 per year to the Multicultural Council of Tasmania to support their important work.

We will also provide \$100,000 per year over four years to a collaborative project between A Fairer World and TasTAFE to extend the successful Students Against Racism project and rollout anti-racism programs in all Tasmanian schools.

Multicultural grants provide funding for programs that promote integration of new migrants, celebrate cultural diversity and promote cross-cultural awareness in our communities.

These grants make Tasmanian communities even more vibrant and inclusive. We will provide an additional \$200,000 per year for multicultural grants funding, three times the current allocation.

These initiatives can make a considerable difference to new arrivals, growing cultural communities and to the entire Tasmanian community.

INITIATIVE COST

| Initiative Investment (\$m) | 1 st Year | 2 nd Year | 3 rd Year | 4 th Year |
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| Multicultural Council | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Multicultural Grants | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| Anti-Racism Funding | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| Total | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 | 0.35 |