

Consultation Arrangements on exposure draft of the Multicultural Recognition Bill 2022

Background

The ACT Government is developing a Multicultural Recognition Act to formalise in legislation our strong and ongoing support for a culturally and linguistically diverse ACT.

The new legislation will further the ACT Government's commitment to an inclusive and welcoming Canberra where everyone can belong and participate in social, cultural, economic and civic life.

The Multicultural Recognition Bill 2022 will complement existing reporting and enforcement mechanisms in the *Human Rights Act 2004* and the *Discrimination Act 1991*.

About the Bill

The draft Multicultural Recognition Bill:

- establishes a Multicultural Charter
- enshrines in legislation the existing Multicultural Advisory Council
- establishes reporting obligations against the Charter

The Journey so far

In April 2021 we released the first discussion paper, *Towards a Multicultural Recognition Act for the Australian Capital Territory*. This paper formed the basis for community consultation and enabled us to hear from you about the proposed legislation and what should be included.

We held conversations online, face-to-face and directly with stakeholders, and received several formal submissions.

In this second round of community consultation from **14 June 2022 through to 26 July 2022**, we will be hosting workshops to hear from you. The workshops will focus on:

- the values and principles expressed in the Multicultural Charter;
- how the Multicultural Advisory Council can best represent Canberra's culturally and linguistically diverse community; and
- the public reporting and accountability you would like to see.

You can also make comments, provide detailed feedback or upload a submission through the YourSay webpage: [Multicultural Recognition Act | YourSay ACT](#)

A copy of the Exposure Draft Bill is available at www.legislation.act.gov.au.

Next Steps:

The ACT Government is seeking comments on the Exposure Draft Bill by **Tuesday 26 July 2022**.

Submissions can be made by emailing oma@act.gov.au