

## Media Release

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### **Save Multicultural Australia – say No to Hanson this election**

Toni McLennan, NSW Senate candidate for Australia's newest political party, Hear Our Voice, is calling on the multicultural community in NSW to prevent the re-emergence of Pauline Hanson and her anti-multiculturalism views this election by voting for progressive parties like Hear Our Voice in the Senate.

“Last time Hanson was anti-Asian immigration and this election she is attacking the Muslim community and African immigrants. I believe Australia should be a caring and welcoming nation, where all people are treated fairly and equally. We need to stop racist views like those promoted by Hanson – dead in their tracks! The best way to protect multicultural Australia is to say NO to Hanson and vote for people and parties which truly support a diverse and inclusive Australia,” Toni McLennan said.

“Hear Our Voice is a progressive party that believes all people have the right to celebrate their cultural heritage, and we want to help build an Australian community that promotes respect and acceptance of other cultures.”

Hear Our Voice supports programs and initiatives which help eliminate racism, and encourage understanding, tolerance and acceptance of other cultures.

“I was very concerned to learn that the Howard Government reduced funding to the African Community Council (ACC) that assists new African immigrants, and this was before they decided to cut back on African immigration saying some African immigrants had difficulty integrating into the Australian community. There will always be some people who find it difficult to settle into a new country, but the Government's decision to cut funding to the ACC has substantially increased the problems faced by some immigrant communities,” Toni McLennan said.

“This Government is not at all supportive of multicultural Australia. Insincere, ineffective and half baked policies throughout their leadership, tell the story.

“After twelve backward years under the Howard Government, multiculturalism in our country is on its knees. Hear Our Voice will fight to bring it back to its feet,” she said.

#### **Media Note:**

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