

# **HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS**

## **MULTICULTURISM**

Hear Our Voice supports multiculturalism and embraces all the different cultures and peoples who make up the Australian society and our population.

Hear Our Voice believes that all people have the right to celebrate their cultural heritage, and we believe in 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.

Hear Our Voice believes that interpreting and translating services should be available to all Australians who require them, and we believe the promotion of government programs/initiatives should be accessible to all Australians, not just people who can speak and read English.

Hear Our Voice believes that migrants and new Australians should have access to English language courses and we encourage all new Australians to learn English.

Hear Our Voice is opposed to an 'Australian values' test for people seeking citizenship or entry to Australia.

Hear Our Voice totally opposes the long term detention of refugees.