



Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council

Meeting communique

The 13th meeting of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council (The Council) was held in Brisbane on 14 March 2019.

The Council was provided with a presentation from Professor Andrew Markus, Monash University, on the Queensland results from the Scanlon Foundation Social Cohesion Survey 2018. In 2018, the Queensland Government provided funding to boost the sample size of the [national survey](#) in Queensland to 3,000 respondents to provide information about the level of social cohesion across Queensland's regions.

Mr Aleem Ali from Welcoming Australia also provided a presentation to the Council about the work he has undertaken to explore leading practice in supporting Local Governments to create opportunities to grow welcome, belonging, intercultural connections and inform uptake of regional opportunities.

The Council also discussed how Parliamentary Committees can engage with culturally and linguistically diverse Queenslanders in their work (in preparation for a meeting with Parliamentary Committee Chairs and Secretariats on 28 March 2019), engaging with the media to encourage more balanced and factual reporting of culturally and linguistically diverse communities and promoting positive stories, and how to improve migrants and refugees use of their skills and experiences within the workforce.