



Election 2019-Questions for political parties

In addressing the following please do not provide lengthy answers as we intend to circulate your responses without editing them. In answering the questions, we expect that if your party wins you will implement the commitments that you provide or you will support the implementation of the commitments given by the victorious party. If you cannot guarantee the latter, please advise accordingly for relevant questions.

1. Is your party committed to multiculturalism? If so will it introduce a Federal Multiculturalism Act and a National Multiculturalism Charter and establish a Multicultural Commission to oversee the implementation of both?
2. Will your party consider addressing religious vilification by incorporating provisions in the Racial Discrimination Act?
3. Will your party ensure its procurement policies are such that mindless mainstreaming will discontinue and the principle of Substantive Equality is effectively addressed?
4. Is your party committed to amending the Health test requirements for permanent residency to ensure that it does not discriminate against potential migrants with a disability.
5. Will your party ensure that ECCWA advocates that **at least 15%** of our annual immigration intake be reserved for refugee and special humanitarian programs?
6. Is your party committed to the immediate ending off shore processing of Asylum seekers as well as their indefinite detention? Will you replace it with more humane and cost effective Regional processing of their claims in Indonesia and Malaysia?
7. What are your party's policies and initiatives to address diversity in representation and diversity in decision making in government and other societal institutions?
8. What are three key features of your party's commitment to achieve a socially cohesive society? Does it include a National Anti-Racism Strategy and if so what funding will be assigned to it?
9. Will your party establish CaLD specialist Job Activ and Disability Employment agencies?
10. Will your party implement a National Language Services Policy along the lines outlined in the ECCWA Election manifesto?
11. Is your party committed to establishing/re-establish Transcultural mental health units in all states and territories? Will it quarantine an equitable share of the mental health and suicide prevention funding for CaLD mental health providers?
12. Does your party support the implementation of a CaLD Gender Equity Charter for the purpose outlined in the ECCWA Election Manifesto?
13. Is your party committed to addressing the unmet needs of migrants and refugees who are not entitled to the SETS program due to length of residence or other factors?
14. Will your party ensure that unmet needs of CaLD Australians with regard to Home Care Packages and the Commonwealth Home Support programs are effectively met?
15. Will your party enact the ['Uluru Statement from the Heart'](#), call for the establishment of a 'First Nations Voice' in the *Australian Constitution* and a 'Makarrata Commission' to supervise a process of 'agreement-making' and 'truth-telling' between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
16. Will your party fund programs to enhance climate change awareness within CaLD communities?
17. Will your party immediately reverse the funding freeze imposed on Multicultural Community broadcasters and increase their funding to compensate their loss?
18. Will your party ensure that the costs of interpreting and translating are included in all government managed and funded services. Will it ensure all agencies comply with the mandatory requirement to extend interpreting services to all those requesting it.