

**Multicultural Council of Tasmania
Candidates' survey comment
Independent member for Clark, Sue Hickey MP**

Independent member for Clark Sue Hickey MP is committed to supporting the Multicultural Council of Tasmania (MCOT) and its work for and on behalf of the many multicultural communities in the State.

Ms Hickey has noted the various provisions in the Council's candidates' survey and commits to work with whoever forms the new Tasmanian Government to provide the support that is required to ensure MCOT can assist communities with their specific needs. Ms Hickey notes the specific funding requests and undertakes to work with MCOT to see those resources provided in the term of the next government.

Ms Hickey is a long-time supporter of many cultural groups in Tasmania and attends functions throughout any 12-month period. She has also donated to a number of diverse groups in her time as Lord Mayor of Hobart, and as Member for Clark and Speaker of the House of Assembly, and has assisted in fund-raising efforts when asked.

Ms Hickey commits to advocate on behalf of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania to progress its aims and objectives and will support its submissions to the new government to ensure our diverse community is appropriately supported to enhance living conditions and provide vital educational and other services to improve job opportunities for those in multicultural communities. In particular, Ms Hickey will be determined to push for the important culture and language awareness training in the State's emergency services.

Ms Hickey is also keen to work with MCOT on occupational licensing for CALD Tasmanians who gain qualifications overseas.

The scourge of racism and bullying of any culture is to be abhorred and MCOT has Ms Hickey's commitment and readiness to help to ensure that any campaign to highlight and stamp out any such behaviour is fully supported.

**Sue Hickey MP
Independent Member for Clark
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