

Victoria's Multicultural Policy Statement

Victorian. And proud of it. is Victoria's new Multicultural Policy Statement. It sets out the Victorian Government's way forward with a range of policies, programs and services that encourage every one of us to participate in a stronger, safer and more harmonious community.

The Multicultural Policy Statement is underpinned by the Victorian Values Statement, a set of shared values that form the foundation of our cohesive, multicultural society.

Victorian Values Statement

The five core values are:

1. One law for all

Everyone is equal under the law. All Victorians have the same legal rights, responsibilities and protections.

As Victorians, we all have rights under the law and responsibilities towards each other. By respecting our mutual rights and responsibilities, we can ensure a safe and cohesive society.

2. Freedom to be yourself

Everyone is free to be themselves and to feel safe in being true to themselves. The Government wants every Victorian to be able to celebrate their culture with pride and practice their traditions in peace.

The freedom to be yourself includes freedom of speech, expressions of gender, sexuality and religion, and peaceful assembly; it does not allow people to break the law or to impinge on the safety or freedom of others.

3. Discrimination is never acceptable

Everyone has a responsibility to promote inclusion and participation and to reject exclusion, racism and all forms of violence. A society free of discrimination is better able to tackle problems like economic and social disengagement and improve health and wellbeing for all.

4. A fair go for all

Everyone deserves a fair go in life. That means giving every Victorian – no matter where they live, their circumstances, or their background – the support they need to enjoy the Victorian way of life. This includes quality education and healthcare, accessible transport, equity in employment and a safe place to live.

5. It is up to all of us to contribute to a Victoria we can be proud of

We all want similar things – the opportunity to thrive, for our successes to be recognised, and for our families and loved ones to be safe, secure and happy.