

## WEST ARNHem REGIONAL COUNCIL

### FOR THE MEETING 28 JANUARY 2026

<b>Agenda Reference:</b>	<b>9.14</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Nomination - Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs</b>
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#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to gauge the interest of the Council Members nominating as West Arnhem Regional Council's representative as a member of the Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Receive, note and accept the late report titled *Nomination - Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs*;
2. Nominate Cr ... as West Arnhem Regional Council's representative as a member of the Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs.

#### BACKGROUND

MACMA meet face-to-face, at a minimum, 2 times a year, with additional online meetings as required.

Online meetings will be focused discussions and are not compulsory, but all members are welcome to attend. Specialists or subject experts may be invited to meetings as deemed appropriate.

Local government has an ongoing observer member status on the MACMA.

The Minister for Multicultural Affairs is seeking a nomination from each local government council to nominate an elected representative from their council for a seat on the MACMA. Accordingly, membership may continue unless any of the following applies:

- The elected representative's term on their respective council ends or is terminated
- The member fails to attend 2 consecutive (compulsory) meetings without leave approved by the Chair
- The member resigns

Members participate on a voluntary basis and are not remunerated. However, the Office of Multicultural Affairs will support the cost of travel, accommodation, and allowances for members, where required.

The Terms of Reference is currently being updated and will be released to members once approved by the Minister.

There is no nomination form, see the attachment for more detail.

Nomination closes 30 January 2026.

## LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Nil.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This report is aligned to the following pillars and goals of the *Regional Plan and Budget*:

### **PILLAR 1 PARTNERSHIPS, RELATIONSHIPS AND BELONGING**

Investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels supports and strengthens community and belonging. We prioritise the value of partnerships and relationships as a key determinant of a happy, strong and thriving community.

#### **Goal 1.1 Community Engagement**

Seek out and support diverse perspectives and collaborations with community, community leaders, businesses, agencies and local service providers to enhance community life.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Minister Charls Letter [9.14.1 - 2 pages]



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Chief Executive Officer  
West Arnhem Regional Council

Via email: [katharine.murray@westarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:katharine.murray@westarnhem.nt.gov.au)

Dear Ms Murray

I am writing to you as the Minister for Multicultural Affairs to seek a nomination from the West Arnhem Regional Council for membership to the Minister's Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs (MACMA).

The MACMA is a non-statutory advisory group that provides high-level and strategic advice from the community to the Northern Territory Government on matters relating to multicultural affairs to improve policy and service delivery outcomes. MACMA enables the participation of key stakeholders in the exploration and discussion of issues relevant to the social, economic and civic life of multicultural Territorians. Membership of the MACMA comprises of community members and organisational members selected for their roles in representing and/or providing services to multicultural communities.

The overseas-born population of the Territory continues to grow strongly and as of the 2021 Census, was 51,000 residents or 22% of the population. Net overseas migration also continues to be an important contributor to the Territory's overall population growth, a key factor in rebuilding our economy. It is important that we have the programs, policies and services in place that support our multicultural communities and celebrate their contributions to the Territory.

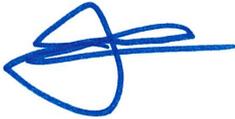
Local government also plays a key role in supporting our multicultural communities which is acknowledged through a dedicated position for local government on the MACMA. I am now seeking a nomination from your council for consideration for membership to the MACMA. Nominations can be sent to the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the Department of People, Sport and Culture, by emailing [DPSC.MulticulturalAffairs@nt.gov.au](mailto:DPSC.MulticulturalAffairs@nt.gov.au) by 30 January 2026.



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Should you have any queries, please contact Ms Sarah Burchett, Acting Director  
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Yours sincerely



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