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Dear Ms Vamvakinou

## INQUIRY INTO MULTICULTURALISM IN AUSTRALIA

Thank you for allowing Council the additional time to make a submission on the above topic. Council has active programs to assist new migrants adapt into the Australian community. This submission does not seek to enter into the debate on multiculturalism *per se*; rather it is designed to alert you that Moreland Council developed and implemented a range of mechanisms and services to help newcomers. Council hopes that some of our initiatives may provide ideas for the Commonwealth to support or adopt.

The first initiative is MCC's *Multicultural Policy 2011-2015* document, recently upgraded and adopted. See <u>http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/mccwr/publications/policies-strategies-plans/moreland%20multicultural%20policy%20and%20action%20plan%202011%20-%202015.pdf</u>

The second program initiative by Council is its CALDCOM (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communication) *Storyboard*. This program, a Moreland City Council creation and initiative, has received local and national awards and recognition for its powerful ability to deliver clear messages into non-English speaking community groups. A selection of *Storyboard* subjects are viewable at:

www.moreland.vic.gov.au/community-services/multicultural-services/caldcom.html

Council's contact person for this program and the creator of the *Storyboards* is Mr. Peter Fitz, Manager Communications on 03 9240 2431 or 0419 525 119 and his email is <a href="mailto:pfitz@moreland.vic.gov.au">pfitz@moreland.vic.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

Cr Oscar Yildiz JP MAYOR 17 /05/ 2011

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