

Multicultural Recognition Act 2016

Explanatory notes for SL 2016 No. 82

made under the

Multicultural Recognition Act 2016

General Outline

Short title

Multicultural Recognition Act 2016

Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016* provides that the Act commences on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence the *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016* (the Act) on 1 July 2016.

The purposes of the Act are:

- (a) to recognise the valuable contribution of diverse groups of people to the Queensland community;
- (b) to promote Queensland as a united, harmonious and inclusive community by establishing the multicultural charter; and
- (c) to ensure services provided by government entities are responsive to the diversity of the people of Queensland by –
 - (i) establishing the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council; and
 - (ii) providing for the multicultural policy and action plan; and
 - (iii) requiring that employees of government entities be made aware of the multicultural charter, multicultural policy and multicultural action plan; and
 - (iv) establishing reporting obligations for particular government entities.

Achievement of policy objectives

The policy objective of the Proclamation is achieved by commencing the Act.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Proclamation is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

There are no inconsistencies with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The benefits and costs of implementing the Act are outlined in the explanatory notes for the Multicultural Recognition Bill 2016.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

Extensive consultation was undertaken with key community stakeholders to ensure that provisions in the Act reflect contemporary community views on promoting community harmony and inclusiveness.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Queensland Treasury support the Proclamation.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation was consulted and advised that the Proclamation is excluded from the Regulatory Impact Statement system as it is machinery in nature.