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the
Future

Multicultural
South
Australia



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Labor

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South Australia's long history of migration since 1836 has brought together people from approximately 200 countries, speaking some 180 languages and practicing more than 90 different religions.

That migration really accelerated after the Second World War as South Australia embraced the Commonwealth dictate of "populate or perish" with our migrant population growing from just over 47,000 to more than 380,000 in the seventy years since the war.

My father's parents were these migrants. They fled war-torn Europe in search of a fresh start in a new country. My grandfather from Lithuania, my grandmother from Hungary.

Together they set up their home in Adelaide, built up their own small business, a fish and chip shop in Seaton, worked hard and established themselves as new Australians in a new multicultural Australia.

European-born migrants were once the source of nearly all migrants to South Australia, but over the past forty years there has been a substantial increase in the share of migrants from Asia and most recently from Africa.

The migrant population has consistently made up about a quarter of our population, but of course the roots go much deeper than that as the generations following continue to promote the cultures and customs of their ancestry as part of the diverse culture that is modern South Australia.



A Malinauskas Labor Government will:

COST: \$16 million

Increase the multicultural budget by \$16 million over four years, because we believe in supporting our diverse community. We will use these additional funds to:

- ✓ Celebrate culture and language
- ✓ Build capacity, governance, and economic engagement
- ✓ Support stronger communities and stronger families
- ✓ Identify and respond to racial and religious intolerance
- ✓ Invest in community infrastructure upgrades including upgrading security and for community transport

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Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader

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Zoe Bettison MP
Shadow Minister for
Multicultural Affairs

Language

Labor will invest an additional \$4 million over four years to support our communities to keep their languages alive among younger generations.

There are 94 Ethnic Schools in South Australia run by dedicated volunteers who ensure language, history and culture are shared with the children of our diverse community.

Labor knows how important growing a bi-lingual community is for South Australia.

Economic

- ✔ **Multicultural Chambers of Commerce Group**
We will seize the opportunity to make the most of global connections of our diverse migrant community and support the establishment of the Multicultural Chambers of Commerce Group.
- ✔ **Maximise the value to our economy**
Economic engagement can be a challenge for new arrivals. We will undertake a review to understand how to maximise the value to our economy from the diverse range of skills, qualifications, and professional experience of our migrant community.
- ✔ **Monitor and Report on diversity in the South Australia public service**
To ensure diversity in the South Australia public service Labor will monitor and report levels of people who were born overseas or speak another language at home who work for government. Labor will also produce an annual report on Multicultural Affairs including a diversity snapshot and the development and implementation of multicultural action plans.
- ✔ **South Australian Multicultural Resource Directory**
Labor will produce and maintain an online South Australian Multicultural Resource Directory to list organisations that offer information, advice, support, and networking opportunities for our diverse community.
- ✔ **Multicultural Women's Micro Business Fund**
We will pilot a Multicultural Women's Micro Business Fund to assist women to establish their own enterprises.



Engagement

- ✔ **Multicultural Media Grants** - to enable skills development in communication.
- ✔ **Multicultural South Australia Ambassador Program** - Labor will introduce the Multicultural South Australia Ambassador Program to activate the South Australian Multicultural Charter and to embed its principles within the workforce and business practices of South Australia's leading organisations. Ambassador organisations embed the Charter principles in their workforce and business practices
- ✔ **Community Boards and Governance program & Multicultural Women's Leadership course** - We will support the volunteer work of many community leaders with a Community Boards and Governance program and this will be further supported by reinstating the Multicultural Women's Leadership course.

Celebration

Celebrating our diverse culture and showcasing who we are as South Australian's is important to me.

A Labor government will support the Multicultural Festival to be an annual event (currently bi-annual).



Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.