

## **Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council Meeting communique**

**11 April 2017**

The Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council held its first community consultation in Ipswich on 11 April 2017. The consultation engaged with community members, service providers and community organisations to identify the needs of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in relation to employment, particularly focusing on ways to break down barriers. The top issues discussed were:

- training and recognition of overseas qualifications and skills
- unconscious bias
- transport
- small business.

A consultation report has been compiled, which includes the findings from the community consultation; the report is available on the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services' website.

The Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council also met the Jobs Queensland Board to discuss opportunities in employment and training for culturally and linguistically diverse Queenslanders. Jobs Queensland's role is to provide strategic industry advice to government on skills demand and future workforce planning. Options for joint projects are being explored.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in June 2017.