

Policy

Title: Racial Tolerance

Category: Community Services and Events

Date Last Adopted: 7 March 2016

1. Objectives

To provide the Council with a position in respect to racial tolerance.

2. Background

This policy was developed as a result of a motion adopted by the National General Assembly of Local Government which incorporates, in full, the wording of the recent Parliamentary Statement on Racial Tolerance and lends Local Government support for the Statement.

3. Policy

That:

1. The Hobart City Council affirm a strong commitment to racial tolerance (to all residents, students and visitors) and endorse the sentiment expressed in the motion passed by the National Assembly of Local Government in December 1996, i.e.:

“This National General Assembly of Local Government:

- (i) Reaffirms its commitment to the right of all Australians to enjoy equal rights and be treated with equal respect, regardless of race, colour, creed or origin.
- (ii) Reaffirms its commitment to maintaining an immigration policy wholly non-discriminatory on grounds of race, colour, creed or origin.
- (iii) Reaffirms its commitment to the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic disadvantage.

- (iv) Reaffirms its commitment to maintaining Australia as a culturally diverse, tolerant and open society, united by an overriding commitment to our nation, and its democratic institutions and values.
 - (v) Denounces racial intolerance in any form as incompatible with the kind of society we are and want to be.
2. Further this National General Assembly calls upon Councils throughout Australia to give practical effect to the above commitments by:
- (i) actively promoting the benefits of a cohesive, multicultural society;
 - (ii) supporting the Council of Aboriginal Reconciliation’s Vision for a united Australia, and local declarations of Reconciliation with our Indigenous peoples;
 - (iii) promoting access and equity in service provision for all members of their communities;
 - (iv) addressing wherever possible the special needs of disadvantaged groups.”

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Responsible Officer:	Director Community Development
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History	
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