

Media Release

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OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN VICTORIA'S NEW ANTI-RACISM TASKFORCE

Applications are now open to be part of Victoria's new Anti-Racism Taskforce, which will play a key role in the development of a new state-wide strategy to prevent and crackdown on race-based discrimination and abuse.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams called on Victorians passionate about a strong, diverse and fair Victoria to apply.

The Andrews Labor Government has announced it will develop a new state-wide Anti-Racism Strategy to proactively prevent and address racism in Victoria because racism and discrimination, in any form, has no place in Victoria.

The Strategy will focus on a broad range of elements that underlay and perpetuate racial discrimination like unconscious bias, privilege, and the intersection of race and other forms of discrimination.

The new Anti-Racism Taskforce will provide advice and recommendations to the government to ensure the Strategy sets out a clear and targeted road map to reduce racism in Victoria.

The leadership of the Taskforce is still being finalised and will be supported by members who have a range of high-level skills and expertise.

Applications are encouraged from individuals with a diverse range of professional and lived experience to ensure the Taskforce reflects the diversity within our community. The Taskforce will also consult directly with communities to elevate a diversity of voices and perspectives.

For more information and to apply for a position on the Taskforce visit <https://bit.ly/3wgDwz1>

Applications close at 11:59pm on Friday 16 April 2021.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence

"We want passionate, committed Victorians to help us fight racism and develop a state-wide plan to prevent it."

"Preventing and cracking down on race-based discrimination and abuse is vital to building a stronger, fairer Victoria."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams

"Sadly, racism and hate speech increased during the pandemic – and addressing it will be a critical part of our recovery."

"The voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will be a critical part of Victoria's new Anti-Racism Taskforce."