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BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR ALL VICTORIANS

The Allan Labor Government is building a stronger, more inclusive health system that works for all Victorians – no matter where you were born or what language you speak.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt today announced the *Victorian Multicultural Health Survey* – which will help to identify and fix the barriers multicultural Victorians can face when accessing healthcare.

We know that for some Victorians navigating the health system can be confusing, frustrating or intimidating – even more so if English isn't your first language.

That's why this survey is important – providing an avenue for multicultural and multifaith Victorians to directly voice their experiences, with their stories used to identify gaps and barriers as we build a more equitable and inclusive health system.

It will also be an opportunity for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to put forward their ideas for change – because we know when we listen to people from all communities, we get the best health outcomes for all Victorians.

Feedback will be captured through the Engage Victoria online platform, a series of community forums to be hosted and consultation sessions with key organisations.

Data collected from the survey will be used to shape the future of Victoria's health system and will help inform the upcoming whole-of-government multicultural strategy – a key commitment following the Labor Government's Multicultural Review released in September.

This work builds on the findings of the *Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System* and the recently released *Diverse Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework*.

The framework outlines a 10-year vision so all Victorians can access a safe and inclusive mental health and wellbeing system that responds to, reflects and embraces diversity.

The *Victorian Multicultural Health Survey* will open in early 2026.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"Every Victorian deserves healthcare that is safe, inclusive and respectful, no matter where they were born or what language they speak."

"If you are a Victorian with a diverse background and want to tell us your story about your experience in our health system – we want to hear from you."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas

"We're building a health system that works for all Victorians – no matter who you are or where you're from."