1. The Member for Inala and Leader of the Opposition, Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, introduced the Multicultural Recognition Bill 2012 as a Private Member’s Bill in
August 2012.
2. The Bill sought to recognise the diversity of the people of Queensland through providing for a Multicultural Queensland Charter, a Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council and developing, monitoring and reporting on multicultural action plans.
3. The Bill did not include any enforcement powers or penalty provisions.
4. There is currently no nationally consistent approach to multicultural legislation with many jurisdictions, including the Commonwealth, choosing not to introduce legislation for this policy area.
5. Government priorities are to reduce red tape and regulation and to stimulate Queensland’s economic growth and improve job creation. The proposed Bill did not assist with these intentions nor did it address a particular policy problem.
6. Cabinet decided that the Government position be to oppose the Multicultural Recognition Bill 2012.
7. *Attachments*
* [Multicultural Recognition Bill 2012](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Ex%20Notes.pdf)