

8.4 NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MULTICULTURAL DIVERSITY
(ETH9: NA)

Submitting Councillor: Cr Klisaris

NOTICE OF MOTION

That Council nominates Councillor Stefanie Perri for the Victorian Multicultural Commission's Standing Committee on Local Government and Cultural Diversity, for 2009-2011.

DISCUSSION

The Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) has invited Councils to submit nominations for the Commission's Standing Committee on Local Government and Cultural Diversity, for 2009-2011.

The Standing Committee was first convened in 2005, bringing together representatives from the Local Government sector to discuss strategic issues for local government in respect of cultural, linguistic and religious diversity in Victorian communities.

In 2009-2011, the Standing Committee will continue to provide an important forum for the exchange of ideas and opportunities to develop strategies to facilitate greater responsiveness to CALD communities.

The Standing Committee is chaired by the VMC and comprises a maximum of 15 members from the Local Government sector, including 9 representatives from Councils (either Councillors or Council officers), 1 from the MAV, 1 from the VLGA, 1 from VMC and 1 from the Victorian Local Government Multicultural Issues Network.

Members will be appointed for a two-year term.

CONCLUSION

The Standing Committee provides an important forum to address issues of concern for local government in respect of CALD communities.

As Monash has a significant CALD population, it is considered appropriate that the Council seeks representation on the Standing Committee.