

Dear Committee

I refer to the question on notice raised in the committee consultation in April.

By way of background .as directed by the NSW Electoral Commission, six language groups (Arabic, Cantonese, Korean,Greek, Mandarin, Italian) were targeted in Western Sydney.

-Several components of the Vote Talk program reflect "Community Engagement."

1. Cafe Conversations. - these are in-language podcasts to scope and record community attitudes in Western Sydney and responses towards voting and election processes. There were podcasts. **24x podcasts with over 20 hours**
2. Community sessions - in language information sessions held in local libraries, community halls, social groups. mum's groups informal groups in community centres, regular community events, **30 x sessions with 600 participants.**
3. On-air ethnic radio broadcasts - there were scripted interviews with community leaders and guests on the electoral processes delivered in- language that were broadcast on ethnic community radio stations. over **11,000 downloads**
4. Community sentiment surveys - **500 surveys returned**

Should the Committee require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

Kind Regards

Peter Doukas OAM
Chair

Ethnic Communities Council of NSW