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**IMPROVING CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS TO CULTURALLY AND
LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES**

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Hi. I'm writing in regards to the "Improving crisis communications to culturally and linguistically diverse communities" inquiry that is currently ongoing in the NSW parliament.

I am a young adult from a multi-generational Australian family and trace the entirety of my heritage back to the British Isles. I am proud of my ancestry and appreciative of the blood, sweat and tears that my forefathers have put in to transforming Australia from a barren wasteland into a thriving, economic power.

Considering that Australia has one primary language, being English, and appreciating that our fine nation is based upon the ideals of a Protestant Monarchy - of which we are still members, might I add - I have to say that I wholeheartedly disagree with the idea that we should be making tax-funded materials available to inhabitants, be they permanent residents or temporary visitors, in languages other than English.

Australia is an English speaking nation. As such, our priority should absolutely not be to cater to minority groups that haven't found the time to learn English, despite residing in an English speaking nation.

Is it fair that our tax dollars go into public education systems, and then on top of that, more tax goes towards communicating with people who didn't bother to learn how to read? And I am not talking about those who are burdened with learning difficulties here, I am talking about Regular Joes. How is it fair for me to fund public education in Australia and then have to fund materials (produced by deforestation might I add?) for people who were too lazy to learn?

It makes me feel physically ill to even consider taking tax money from hard working Australians, that is then going towards such tiny minorities of people that in most likelihood haven't paid into our taxation system in the first place? And in all likelihood will vote for Labor or greeny wingnuts that want to increase taxes and let even more non-English speakers into the country?

Please reconsider what you're proposing. English is our language. Anyone who finds themselves in Australia knows English is our everyday language. Please don't pander to the loony left.