

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

Labor to build \$16 million Museum Of Immigration and Multiculturalism

A re-elected Keneally Labor Government will build a \$17 million Museum of Immigration and Multiculturalism in Sydney – as part of the \$23.3 million Celebrating Our Diversity package.

The Museum of Immigration and Multiculturalism is the centerpiece of the Keneally Government's policy to pay tribute to migration and promote community harmony in NSW.

In addition, Celebrating Our Diversity reaffirms Labor's pledge to refuse to direct any preferences to Pauline Hanson or One Nation in the NSW election.

The Museum of Immigration and Multiculturalism will be located at the former Law Courts building between the Mint and Hyde Park Barracks museums in Sydney.

The Museum will be modelled on the award-winning Powerhouse Museum and include permanent and visiting exhibitions, artworks and interactive installations.

An advisory committee including the Community Relations Commission, Powerhouse Museum and community representatives will oversee the project.

A re-elected Keneally Government will create a Museum of Immigration and Multiculturalism in the heart of Sydney to pay tribute to migrants and multiculturalism in NSW.

"The Museum will be a cultural centre for community members to come together to tell their own stories about migration and a place where the general public and school students can learn more about our history.

Members of the community will also be able to apply for grants under the \$1 million Diverse Communities Storytelling Program – to encourage the creation of original artworks that tell the story of immigration.

The total museum plan includes:

- A \$1 million Diverse Communities Storytelling Program to support the development and presentation of original artworks that reflect our multicultural society;
- Strong links to the NSW School Curriculum, ensuring that exhibits, facilities and research resources appeal to the needs of school students;
- Drawing on the expertise of the Powerhouse Museum to make the exhibits interactive so that they are engaging for people of all ages - especially children; and
- Collaborating with migrants so that their personal experiences inform and shape the narratives the museum will house.

Ms Keneally also announced that Labor will not direct any preferences to Pauline Hanson in the NSW election.



"Labor was one of the first political parties in Australia to refuse preferences to One Nation in 1998 and we will continue that principled stance in 2011 by refusing to give preferences to Pauline Hanson and her racist policies," Ms Keneally said.

"Labor will not do any deal with Pauline Hanson in the Upper House – Barry O'Farrell must come clean and state if he is willing to do a deal with Pauline Hanson to gain power in the Upper House."

Minister for Citizenship, John Hatzistergos said: "The Museum of Immigration and Multiculturalism will become a significant cultural institution for the State under a re-elected Keneally Government."

"The Museum will focus on post World War II migration and build upon the story told in part by the National Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour and the important work undertaken by the NSW Migration and Heritage Centre.

"The high profile Museum site between the Mint and Hyde Park Barracks Museums has access to public transport, parking and excellent space for large exhibitions so all people of NSW can enjoy and appreciate the facility."

Labor's record compared to the Liberals on Multiculturalism →

LABOR

- Increased funding for Community Language Schools by \$8.1 million
- Committed to Multiculturalism and supporting the Federal Ethnic Communities Council of Australia's 'Reclaim Multiculturalism' campaign
- Increased the number of migrants that it nominates to live and work in NSW each year, attracting the world's best and brightest to NSW
- Increased the number of Commissioners on the Community Relations Commission, giving more communities a stronger voice in Government
- Funding and supporting various community groups, festivals and events so that communities can celebrate their culture and heritage
- Established the Premier's Multicultural Volunteer Awards to recognise the important contribution made by all communities in NSW and recognising their contribution
- Opposed Pauline Hanson and One Nation by refusing to provide preferences to them since 1998.

LIBERALS

- Pre-selected a former senior member of Pauline Hanson's "One Nation" political party as its candidate on the Central Coast
- Hasn't developed any policies regarding multiculturalism – typical of their "do nothing" attitude
- Refused to reject the politics of division and optimism of Scott Morrison who attacked boat people and refugees

