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## **Submission to Inquiry into Australian Multiculturalism.**

**Having received the news about this Inquiry a bit late, I may have only these to submit:**

- 1- Progressing toward new key policies, and amending current policies or/and creating new regulations for an inclusive, harmonious society, including but not limited to, treating all established religious affiliations equally: For partly achieving that, all Government of Federal, State and Council levels to invite official representatives of key/umbrella/national groups from varying faith communities to Advisory Councils for different services, such as: ADF Chaplaincy, University/School/Aged Care/Hospital Chaplaincy,
- 2- Reciting by roster Holy Verses of key faith groups in Opening new Parliament sessions: Federal and State and Local levels
- 3- DIAC convene annual Religious Leaders' Conferences for listening, discussing, debating and exchanging 'current matters of mutual concerns, expressed by all Government agencies and all religious groups

I/We wish to attend all DIAC's and APH/Migration Joint Committee's future inquiries, consultations and discussions. Please keep us on your databases.

Yours truly

*(electronically signed)*

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**For and on behalf of these organisations:**

- Founding Abbot, Van Hanh & Nguyen Thieu Monasteries
- President, United Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Canberra, Inc. (since 1984)
- Deputy Chair, Unified Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Australia-New Zealand, Ltd. (since 1999)
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