

APRO: STATEMENT OF VALUES

The organisations, and the communities that they represent, are committed to and promote:

- An Australia of ethnically and religiously diverse peoples that is their home
- The practices and principles of social justice (this encompasses the equality of access to political and legal rights, the right to full social and economic participation through the reduction of material disadvantage)
- Australian multiculturalism as a core value that defines what it means to be an Australian in the 21st century and that encompasses respect and celebration of our diversity
- An Australia that:
 - Is democratic
 - Adheres to the rule of law
 - Promotes and protects freedom of speech, freedom of religious belief, freedom of assembly and movement, freedom of association, freedom of expression (including the freedom to dress as an expression of cultural identity) and freedom of thought
 - Condemns any form of abuse or discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, religion, gender, nationality, age (or any other grounds) by either individuals or organisations
 - Actively supports equal access to opportunity, services and information
 - Treats individuals and communities with acceptance and respect without regard to their ethnicity or religion.

Additionally, the organisations will:

- Uphold the right of all Australians to live without the fear of violence in any form

- Respect the rights of all Australians no matter their ethnicity, religion or beliefs
- Undertake to work together, in mutual respect, to promote these values in practical ways
- Undertake to work together to minimise community disharmony, inter and intra-faith, ethnically and/or nationality-based tensions within Australian society
- Promote Australian multiculturalism, and the principles it enshrines, as a good-practice model of social harmony and community participation to diverse communities within Australia as well as to the rest of the world.