



## NOMINEE STATEMENT

### NOMINEE DETAILS

If there are more than 14 nominees to the available positions, an election will be conducted. To ensure electoral fairness applicants are required to provide a brief description of relevant community involvement and experience in support of the nomination. You may attach a word document instead of completing this form if you wish.

No other documentation is required.

Name Nalliah Suriyakumaran  
 Organisation Darebin Ethnic Communities Council

Please provide a brief description of relevant community involvement and experience (e.g. occupation, qualifications, skills etc.)

I am currently the chair person of Darebin Ethnic Communities Council (DECC). Before becoming the chair person, I had been an active member of DECC for many years. DECC is a peak body representing ethnic groups, community groups and senior citizen groups. DECC also entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Darebin Council. DECC's key role is advocating on behalf of our members on a range of issues that affect our members to both Council management and the Councillors. DECC also lobbies parliamentarians both state and federal on issues that affect our members. We wrote letters to the parliamentarians on changes to the Citizenship Act. DECC also runs many public meetings to raise awareness of issues affecting our members. My work with DECC has given me extensive knowledge and skills to advocate on behalf of ethnic communities. I was a federal tax officer for 18 years. I was a national delegate for the Union in ATO. I am tertiary qualified.

Signed 

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