



Nominee Details

Name: Mahinda Wickramasuriya

Organisation: Sri Lankan Ethnic Communities Association Incorporated

I am a Sri Lankan Australian residing in Melbourne with my family since migrating to Australia in 1988.

I have been blessed to serve as an elected Board Member of the ECCV's Board since 2013, and I have taken this opportunity to fulfil my obligations by contributing to policy advocacy matters for ethnic and multicultural communities in Victoria. I also represented ECCV at community engagement functions and supporting multiculturalism. I am currently holding one of the Deputy Chairperson positions of the ECCV Board of Directors. I am also a member of the ECCV's Finance, Audit and Risk sub-Committee and Committee Member of FECCA's New and Emerging Communities Policy Advisory Committee.

I am currently employed with AusNet Services as the Principal Engineer, Operational Network Planning leading a team of professional engineers in the supervisory capacity. I have served in this company and its predecessors for 29 years.

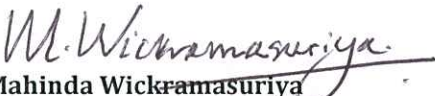
I am an Electrical Engineer with 40 years professional experience and had the opportunity to work in a number of international projects. I graduated from the University of Sri Lanka and subsequently obtained postgraduate qualifications from University of Trondheim, Norway and Deakin University, Australia. Since joining the State Electricity Commission in 1988, I have worked in the electricity industry continuously and had the opportunity to contribute to various National Committees. These included Energy Supply Association Australia (ESAA), Energy Networks Association and Standards Australia.

I am the founding President of the newly established **Sri Lankan Ethnic Communities Association Inc (SLECA)**. Previously I was the President of The Committee for Sri Lanka Inc. from 2013 to 2017. At SLECA, one of the primary objectives is to foster integration and harmony among all Victorians. We also promote and facilitate knowledge transfer opportunities to Sri Lankan youth, young adults including recent migrants and refugees. I am a member of the organising committee of Sri Lanka's Independence Celebration annual event hosted by Sri Lankan Consul General, Melbourne and had contributed to this activity over the last four years.

I have also involved in supporting disadvantaged communities through the above community organisations. I am currently a committee member of 'The Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET), Victoria Network and had the opportunity to participate in education programs and seminars in Victoria. I volunteer for mentoring and coaching Sri Lankan youth and young adults in their education and career development. I was involved in developing one of the first Buddhist Temples in Melbourne and a number of community projects in Sri Lanka.

The skills that I can bring to the ECCV Board include; leadership, advocacy, project management, strategic thinking, developing strategies and guidelines, economic analysis, organisational skills, presentation skills, negotiation and interpersonal skills.

I believe my nomination to the ECCV Board for the next period would be considered favourably. If I am elected, I will take the opportunity to perform in this position to my best of abilities to serve the purpose of the ECCV and most importantly make decisions that are consistent with the values of the organisation.


Mahinda Wickramasuriya

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