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Dear (name)

I draw your attention to the resolution passed in New South Wales Parliament recently regarding the recognition of Australian South Sea Islanders (attached).

As you are aware, *The Community Relations Commission and Principles of Multiculturalism Act* recognises the different linguistic, religious, racial and ethnic backgrounds of individuals and the basic right of all people in NSW to practice and maintain their heritage. The legislation also promotes the equal rights and opportunities of all NSW residents and the rule of law.

The Multicultural Policies and Services Program acknowledges the significance of organisational leadership, capacity building within government agencies, as well as initiatives which recognise and promote cultural, religious and linguistic diversity as an asset for the state.

Through your agency's Multicultural Policies and Services Program you can enable people of South Sea Islander heritage to access NSW government services. The NSW Anti-Discrimination Board can also provide advice and assistance with redress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stepan Kerkyasharian', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Stepan Kerkyasharian AO  
**Chairperson**