



The Multicultural Response to Sexual Violence Working Group – ‘The Working Group’

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The Multicultural Response to Sexual Violence Working Group is a Queensland-based collaborative network of specialist practitioners, advocates, community leaders, and organisations committed to improving prevention, response, and access to support for victim-survivors of sexual violence from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and non-English speaking background (NESB) communities.

Established in 2024 in response to identified gaps in information, service access, and culturally inclusive responses for NESB victim-survivors, the Working Group brings together expertise from the multicultural, sexual violence, health, settlement, legal, refugee, disability, and community sectors. Its members collectively support thousands of individuals and families across Queensland each year, including international students, humanitarian entrants, refugees, asylum seekers, temporary visa holders, migrant workers, and other culturally diverse communities.

The Working Group aims to identify barriers to support, monitor emerging trends and unmet needs, strengthen cross-sector collaboration, inform community education initiatives, and advocate for culturally safe, trauma-informed, and equitable policies and practices. Through consultation, stakeholder engagement, and collective advocacy, the Working Group seeks to ensure that all people, regardless of cultural background, have access to accurate information, appropriate support, and pathways to safety, healing, and justice.

The Working Group is coordinated by the Brisbane Rape and Incest Survivors Support Centre (BRISSC), which provides the Secretariat and administrative support. Meetings are held monthly and include representatives from organisations working across multicultural, sexual violence, health, legal, settlement, refugee, and community sectors.

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