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CLR RAE JONES

MAYOR

Ashfield Municipal Council
57 Henson Street
Summer Hill NSW 2130

Dear Clr Jones

Sikh Council Of Australia strongly objects to the remarks made by the Ashfield Deputy Mayor, Cr Nick Adams on the SBS's Insight program that, "multiculturalism was on a downward spiral" and that the migrants have the "divided loyalty". His statements are deliberately deceptive and prejudice is beguiling him into saying what is not true.

Diversity is strength and it is only through unity in ethnic diversity that we've become a tolerant nation and such unsubstantiated statements, which smell bigotry, prejudice and ethnic intolerance, can only serve to fuel ethnic tension and undermine the foundations of our multicultural Australian society. It is only through the application of the principle of multiculturalism that we can learn to tolerate and accept into our society those who look different from us.

There is a need for all of us to learn from the reminiscence of Cronulla riots, no matter how one looks at the root cause of the riots the fact remains that bigotry, racism and intolerance were the contributing factors behind the riots.

Cr. Nick Adams needs to understand the meaning of "values" and "divided loyalty". Every person, irrespective of his country of origin, has some values which are different from other persons and which he/she holds most dear. Only humans have a divided loyalty animals don't.

Liberal Party should discipline Cr. Nick Adams and Labor Party Councillors should withdraw their support.

Best Regards

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