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## **Diasporas in Australia: Launch of Australian Research Council Report**

**16 August, 2012 - Canberra, Australia**

The three-year research project “Diasporas in Australia: Current and Potential Links with the Homeland”, involved a consortium of Deakin University, University of Adelaide, University of Western Australia and Monash University working in Partnership with the United Macedonian Diaspora and the Macedonian, Italian, Vietnamese and Tongan Communities. The project explored the broad dimensions of ties between the 4 communities and their homelands. Click [HERE](#) to download the report.

Keynote speakers at the official launch were Australia's Minister for Workplace Relations The Hon. Bill Shorten MP ([Speech transcript](#)) and the Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs and for Foreign Affairs, The Hon. Mr. Richard Marles MP ([Speech transcript](#)) who represented the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator The Hon. Bob Carr.

The research focussed on trends in citizenship, identity and language use, personal ties and frequency of visits to the homeland, political and communal ties, caregiving, remittances and philanthropy and business and professional ties. The research makes important policy and practice recommendations relating to the role of diasporas in Australian bilateral relations.

Minister Shorten noted that "We welcome and acknowledge our great fortune that so many sons and daughters of foreign soil have chosen Australia to be their home. Because we have this diversity, we are a great country. Diasporas have strengthened and enlivened Australian society and its workplaces to better meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century".

Parliamentary Secretary Marles stated that, "It is an incredibly important study. Because if we want to look at what marks us out as a nation and what it is that gives us our vibrancy and our strength, as a community, and as an economy, it is the way in which new cultures make themselves at home here in Australia".

The official launch was attended by a many Members of Parliament from all sides of Australian politics, Ambassadors and diplomats.

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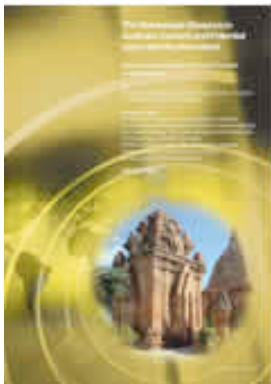
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