

APPENDIX D – Australian Iraqi Community Council

Represented organisations – May 2003

- Assyrian Australian National Federation
- Assyrian Cultural Club
- Assyrian Democratic Movement
- Assyrian Democratic Organisation Australia
- Assyrian Federation of Australia
- Assyrian National Organisation
- Assyrian Universal Alliance
- Australian Kurdish Community Association
- Betnahrain Organisation
- Chaldean National Congress
- Democratic Kurdistan Party
- Iraqi Human Rights Organisation
- Iraqi Migrants Council
- Iraqi Prospect Organisation
- Islamic Daawa Party of Iraq
- Nineveh Sport and Community Club
- Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
- Sabian Mandeian

APPENDIX E – Community Relations Crisis Management Plan letters from CEOs



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Dear Mr Kerkyasharian, *Stepan,*

On behalf of New South Wales Police, I would like to endorse the draft Community Relations Crisis Management Plan (COMPLAN), which was developed by the Community Harmony Reference Group.

I would also like to commend the Community Relations Commission for taking this proactive step given the current international context and possible repercussions for the NSW community.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Cultural Diversity Team of NSW Police on (02) 9339 5061 for further information or any questions you may have regarding this issue or related matters.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Moroney
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Commissioner

Local Government
Association of NSW



Shires Association of NSW

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23 April 2003

Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian AM
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Dear Mr Kerkyasharian

We write in response to your recent letter concerning the proposed Community Relations Crisis Management Plan (COMPLAN). You may recall that you sought agreement from the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW to include coverage of Local Government's contribution to community harmony in the COMPLAN.

We understand that the Commission wishes to include a sub-heading for Local Government under 'other resources' that says: 'Assistance may be sought from Local Government to disseminate information, gather information and facilitate meetings as appropriate and within the resources of local government.'

In our judgement the proposed COMPLAN is a useful plan and one that Local Government can generally support.

We believe that the addition in terms that the Commission suggested is sufficient to accommodate the range of councils across NSW. There will be councils, especially metropolitan and regional councils with significant culturally diverse communities, which will want to take action within the COMPLAN if such crises break out.

We look forward to the Commission developing materials to help councils and other organisations referring people to appropriate State agencies in the event of disruptions to community harmony.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Kerkyasharian

The Director-General, Jan McClelland, has asked me to reply to your letter requesting review of the draft Community Relations Crisis Management Plan (COMPLAN).

The Department of Education and Training supports the implementation of the COMPLAN in co-ordinating an effective response to threats to community harmony.

Two amendments are proposed for section 9 of the COMPLAN - *Resources Available to Agencies and Organisations – Department of Education and Training*.

1. Under *Policy Documents*:
the addition of *"Controversial Issues in Schools* guidelines (1983)".
2. Under *Personnel – TAFE College Staff*:
the addition of "Harassment Contact Officer".

Consistent with the intent of the COMPLAN, on 20 March the Department issued a memorandum to principals, district superintendents and institute directors to remind them of the need for sensitivity to staff and students affected by the conflict in Iraq. The memorandum was accompanied by a document *Supporting students in times of international conflict – Advice to schools* to be used by schools as needed.

In addition, the Department is continuing to monitor reports of serious incidents relating to violence or threats of violence in the current climate.

Further enquiries regarding the COMPLAN should be directed to Ms Hanya Stefaniuk, Manager of Multicultural Programs, on telephone number 9244 5412.

Yours sincerely

(Dr) Alan Laughlin
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL (SCHOOLS)

13 May 2003



Mr Stepan Kerkysharian
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Dear Mr Kerkysharian

I am writing in response to correspondence recently received from you regarding draft Version 7 of the Community Relations Crisis Management Plan (COMPLAN). I note you are seeking advice with regards to any amendments required by DoCS to this document.

Version 7 of COMPLAN was reviewed by the Department's Executive on 26 March 2003. I note however that this Version differed slightly from the one enclosed with your correspondence. I am further informed that the version considered by the Executive is the more recent document and to clarify the situation, enclose a copy of it for your information.

I am pleased to report that no required amendments were identified in the Version considered by the Executive and that in-principle support for DoCS participation in the Plan was confirmed.

The Executive also resolved that DoCS' State Disaster Recovery Manager, Mr Peter Olney, will be the Department's first point of contact for the COMPLAN Steering Committee. Mr Olney can be contacted 24 hours a day via phone number 1800 018 444.

The Department of Community Services looks forward to the opportunity to formally endorse the COMPLAN upon its finalisation.

Please contact Eija Roti, A/Manager, Strategic Policy on 9716 2716, should you wish to discuss any further points of amendment.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr. Kerkyasharian,

I refer to your letter of 26th March in which you invite my comments on the Community Relations Crisis Management plan (COMPLAN), which was enclosed.

I request only one minor amendment to the plan itself, that on page 10 under the heading **Anti Discrimination Board**, in the third dot point that the words *may be replace is* so that it reads *where the action complained of may be contrary to...*

I have a comment however in relation to the implementation of the plan itself. I suggest that there needs to be an evaluation of the resources available to agencies to allow them to expand their activities to the level required to meet the full range of activities anticipated under the plan. The plan outlines how existing services can be coordinated, but does not respond to the critical issue of the capacity of individual agencies to respond to increased demand which can be reasonably anticipated. Could I suggest that what is required is a co-ordinated response to government drawing attention to this issue, and which seeks resources sufficient to provide for the full implementation of the plan.

Yours sincerely,


Chris Pupliok AM
President
11th April 2003