



National Council of Churches in Australia



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The Hon Alex Hawke MP
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Parliament House
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Dear Minister Hawke,

On behalf of the National Council of Churches in Australia and the [Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce](#), we write to thank you for the formation of the Advisory Panel on Australia's Resettlement of Afghan Nationals, to be co-chaired by Paris Aristotle AO and Commonwealth Coordinator-General Migrant Services Alison Larkins.

We are exceedingly gratified to see so many Afghan Australians included in the Advisory Panel as their lived experience and expertise will be so important in guiding Australia in our resettlement efforts of Afghan nationals in the coming period.

As members of the Refugee Council of Australia, we feel well represented together with the organisational and individual links that ACRT members and NCCA has with the panel members. We commend those who advised on this diverse and inclusive group and we are committed to work closely with the panel and the Government in their consultations and recommendations on resettlement of Afghan nationals in Australia.

We confirm our commitment to ongoing dialogue with you and our support for communities, church groups and agencies, to work in partnership with settlement services, to achieve the best outcomes for integration and other specialised support.

Yours faithfully

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"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

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Antiochian
Orthodox Church

Armenian
Apostolic Church

Assyrian Church
of the East

Chinese Methodist
Church

Churches of Christ

Congregational
Federation

Coptic
Orthodox Church

Greek
Orthodox Church

Indian
Orthodox Church

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Religious Society
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Roman Catholic Church

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