



Speech By **Hermann Vorster**

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Multicultural Communities

 **Mr VORSTER** (Burleigh—LNP) (4.24 pm): Last sitting week I addressed the dangerous rhetoric from the member for Jordan about multiculturalism in Queensland. The member for Jordan sought to drive a stake through the heart of Queensland's multicultural success story by stoking division at a time we needed healing. Her outrageous message to young people was that only the left would give them space and permission to hold together their cultural and Australian identities. Those comments were as devious as they were wrong because they claimed that one's politics made you part or not part of our multicultural story, part or not part of our community and part or not part of our democracy. That is not the Australian story. It has never been the Australian story and I reject that completely, and I do so as a migrant myself, as the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs and International Student Attraction and as a member of the Crisafulli LNP government—a government which has made certain we have a Minister for Multiculturalism, an assistant minister for multicultural affairs and an assistant minister for new citizens.

While the comments of the member for Jordan revealed poor judgement, I now see that they also revealed the cynical, divisive, rotten culture that has been set right from the top by the Leader of the Opposition. When the Leader of the Opposition uses his platform, granted to him by his caucus and this parliament, to spew divisive rhetoric that invokes terrible national tragedy, he stands to be condemned. My message to the Leader of the Opposition is twofold: turn down your incendiary language and apologise to the multicultural community groups you have offended, and while you still have the discretion move on the member for Jordan.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr VORSTER: To the members of the Filipino community in the gallery here today, this is my message: *kasama kayo rito sa Queensland*.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Order, members to my left! Members to my left, I will hear the member for Burleigh.

Mr VORSTER: That is simply to say: you belong right here in Queensland. To all of Queensland my message is that our government believes in the future so gloriously described in our precious national anthem—a place with boundless plains to share and where those with courage will all combine to advance Australia fair. Let me call out the hypocrisy of those opposite by tabling this document in which the Leader of the Opposition called for the halving of migration to Queensland by international migrants, echoed by the deputy leader.

Tabled paper: Article from the ABC, dated 14 May 2025, titled 'Queensland Premier Steven Miles calls for reduction of overseas migration' [1580](#).

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