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## Eastern Community Legal Centre Diversity Consultancy Panel (DCP) Terms of Reference

### **PURPOSE**

The ECLC Diversity Consultancy Panel (DCP) acts as an Advisory Committee to the Eastern Community Legal Centre. It provides advice on how to improve the Centre's services and community education projects for diverse communities.

The DCP also provides a chance for community members to discuss and share opinions on legal issues facing diverse communities, while assisting members to develop their leadership skills and learn how to support community groups.

Initially the group will focus on the Whitehorse municipality, in recognition of its cultural diversity and the range of service providers working in the area.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The DCP is comprised of up to 15 community members and membership is open to all residents of the Eastern Region, with a focus on Whitehorse residents and a focus on those born overseas.

Selection of the members is made through an expression of interest process from eligible residents. Members are appointed for a period of one year and may renominate to be appointed for further terms.

### **MEETINGS**

Meetings of the DCP will be held at least bimonthly, in Whitehorse, at a day and time to be determined. An agenda for each meeting will be sent two weeks prior to the meeting. Agenda items will be determined by ECLC or may be directed by the interests of Committee members.

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### **SUPPORT**

ECLC acknowledges the support of the City of Whitehorse in establishing this panel.