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Dear Mr McKnight

Thank you for the opportunity for Multicultural NSW to comment on the draft proposed Guardianship Regulation 2016 and the Regulatory Impact Statement.

Multicultural NSW assists government agencies to implement the Principles of Multiculturalism, as required under the *Multicultural NSW Act 2000*, and enables people from culturally diverse backgrounds the greatest possible access to government programs and services.

To help ensure people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are fully considered in the proposed Guardianship Regulation 2016, Multicultural NSW puts forward the following comments:

- Forms required for appointing enduring guardians, revoking appointments, resigning appointments and people who can witness guardianship instruments be made available in relevant community languages, and interpreting and translating services used appropriately. This plays an essential role in ensuring language is not a barrier to access information and services.
- Requirements for requesting or recording consent to medical treatment also be made available in relevant community languages, and interpreting and translating services used appropriately.

Multicultural NSW also assists government agencies reach people from culturally and diverse backgrounds through its *EmailLink*. Multicultural NSW can deliver email messages to its extensive database of organisations and individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse communities across Australia. Further information about using *EmailLink* is available at:

http://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/our_services/reaching_multicultural_audiences_emailink/

For any further information or assistance, the contact officer at Multicultural NSW is Annalee Fortunado, Senior Policy Officer Multicultural Policy on 02 8255 6773 or email annalee.fortunado@multicultural.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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