



The Honourable Lindy Nelson-Carr MP
Member for Mundingburra



**Queensland
Government**

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**Minister for Communities
Minister for Disability Services
Minister for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Minister for Multicultural Affairs,
Seniors and Youth**

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 18 April 2008, with the attached petition concerning the Portuguese Family Centre based at Carole Park and their weekly broadcasts on Ethnic Radio Station 4EB FM.

Radio Station 4EB is Brisbane's only multilingual radio station, tailored to suit people who speak a language other than English, as well as those who have a keen interest in different cultures.

I understand that Radio 4EB caters for over 50 program groups of different languages, including a variety of programs in English. Each language group has their own program air-time allotted according to the number of registered members of their group.

I understand that each of these program groups holds Annual General Meetings to elect executives for their group. The elected executive has full discretion on the selection of community announcements to be broadcast on their program.

All members of Radio 4EB elect a board of directors who make decisions for all member program groups.

As Minister for Multicultural Affairs I have no control over Radio 4EB's programming decisions. However, I have always encouraged it to be inclusive of all interested language groups who wish to provide advice on community announcements and events.

It is my understanding that Radio 4EB is an inclusive organisation, but due to the significant number of groups participating, advice for each community relating to programming and community announcements is provided via each group's elected executive.

I am advised that Radio 4EB encourages new groups to join and will help groups to establish their programs. However, as there is already a Portuguese group established, I would recommend that the Principal Petitioner, Mr Joaquin Martins, takes this matter up

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with the executive of the Portuguese group, or directly contact the Station Manager at Radio 4EB, Mr Peter Rohweder on 3240 8600.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Garry Page, Executive Director, Multicultural Affairs Queensland on 3224 5330.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindy Nelson-Carr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lindy Nelson-Carr MP

Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth