



## The Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) Australia

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The Hon. Chris Minns  
Premier of New South Wales

Dear Hon. Minns,

I am writing to share you an update Nepali Diaspora community in New South Wales and The Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) leading Nepali diaspora organization.

I want to be summarizing the key points that we would like you to consider for on behalf of our community. The Nepali migrant community is one of the fastest-growing communities in Australia. In terms of international students, Nepal ranks third after China and India. The Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) Australia is a leading diaspora organization advocating for the welfare of the migrant community, working collaboratively with other CALD communities to raise awareness on contemporary issues, including advocacy, lobbying, cultural promotion, and more.

We kindly request your consideration on the following matters:

1. Proper recognition of the Nepali diaspora community in Australia, acknowledging our high university completion rates, tax-paying contributions, and entrepreneurial spirit.
2. Restoration of a Visa Office in Kathmandu, Nepal, given its historical significance and the concerns raised by centralizing Nepal's visa processing to New Delhi.
3. Support for NRNA Australia's non-profit initiatives, representing over 150k Nepali diaspora members, including funding support through community grants to address resource constraints.
4. Assistance in raising awareness and campaigns against domestic violence, mental health issues, and suicide prevention, as these issues continue to grow within our community.
5. Recognition of Nepal's significant contribution to the Australian economy, with education industry related exports totalling \$2.6 billion in 2022 alone and a cumulative figure of \$10 billion from 2019 to 2022, by offering investment or grant support to Nepal's economy.



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6. Advocacy for student concession in transportation within NSW, considering the premium tuition fees paid by international students compared to domestic students.
7. Representation of the Nepali community in multicultural advisory boards at state and federal levels.
8. Support from all levels of government for the establishment of community centres to promote Nepali culture, language, and traditions.
9. Support NRNA to purchase own office space to strengthen secretariat. Space will be used by more than 150 community-based organisations for community purpose.
10. Increased scholarship opportunities to Nepali International Students.

On behalf of NRNA Australia and the Nepali diaspora community, I extend our sincere appreciation for your time and attention to these matters. Your advocacy and support are invaluable to our community's welfare and progress.

Sincerely,

Anil Pokhrel

President, NRNA Australia

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### Appendices:

#### **The increase of Nepali population is +102.2% as per 2021 Census in NSW**

#### Country of Birth

In NSW 29.3% of the population were born overseas, 23% in non-English speaking countries. The proportion of people born overseas has been rising steadily over time. In 1971, 19.1% of people were born overseas. By 2016 this had increased to 27.6% and by 2021 to 29.3%.

Other than Australia, the top countries of birth for people living in NSW are China, England, India, New Zealand and the Philippines. The top five countries of birth in NSW remain the same as those reported in the previous Census in 2016.

#### Top ten countries of birth other than Australia in NSW, 2021

Country of Birth	Number	Percentage of population
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	247595	3.1%
England	231385	2.9%
India	208962	2.6%
New Zealand	118527	1.5%
Philippines	106930	1.3%
Vietnam	97995	1.2%
Nepal	64946	0.8%
Lebanon	63293	0.8%
Iraq	55353	0.7%
Korea, Republic of (South)	53046	0.7%
<b>Total born overseas</b>	<b>2366954</b>	<b>29.3%</b>
<b>Born in Australia</b>	<b>5277591</b>	<b>65.4%</b>
<b>Total population</b>	<b>8072163</b>	

The countries of birth with the greatest percentage growth in numbers of people since the previous census in 2016 include Nepal (+102.2%), India (+45.7%), Pakistan (+38.2%), Iraq (+37.4%) and Malaysia (+25.0%).

#### **(Source:**

**<https://www.dhi.health.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/197/NSWDemographicFactSheet%202022.pdf.aspx>**



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### Nepali language is the greatest percentage increase in NSW:



Transcultural  
Mental Health Centre

### NSW Demographic Fact Sheet 2022



#### Languages

The population of New South Wales (NSW) is highly diverse. There are 286 different languages used at home by people living in NSW. 26.6% of people used a language other than English at home. The top five languages other than English used at home by people in NSW are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese and Hindi.

#### Top ten languages other than English used at home in NSW, 2021

Language	Number	Percentage of population
Mandarin	270685	3.4%
Arabic	227243	2.8%
Cantonese	148943	1.8%
Vietnamese	117907	1.5%
Hindi	80051	1.0%
Greek	78691	1.0%
Spanish	71868	0.9%
Nepali	68148	0.8%
Italian	64039	0.8%
Korean	62319	0.8%
<b>Total non-English</b>	<b>2150701</b>	<b>26.6%</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>5457982</b>	<b>67.6%</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>8072163</b>	

The languages used with the greatest percentage increase in numbers since the previous Census in 2016 include Nepali (+97%), Punjabi (+90%), Urdu (+57%), Malayalam (+50%) and Gujarati (+42%).



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### Top 10 Suburbs in Australia for Nepal- born:

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1. Auburn (NSW)	5,009
2. Hurstville (NSW)	4,938
3. Strathfield (NSW)	3,517
4. Rockdale (NSW)	2,451
5. Campsie (NSW)	2,392
6. Granville (NSW)	2,240
7. Kogarah (NSW)	1,848
8. Glenroy (VIC)	1,803
9. Parramatta (NSW)	1,672
10. Ashfield (NSW)	1,547

Source: ABS/Census 2021

Source: <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/this-is-australias-fastest-growing-migrant-community/qns2roccp>



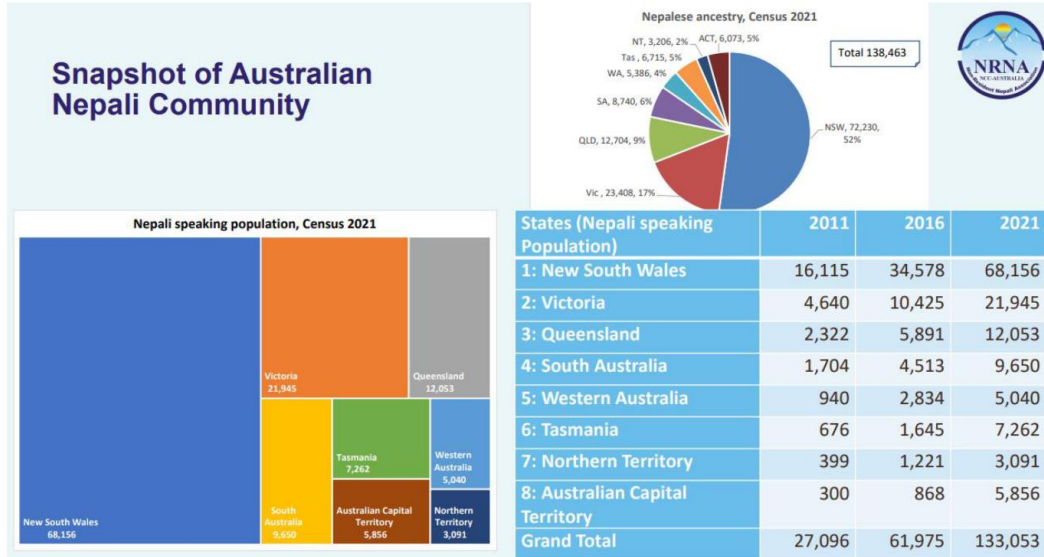


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## Snapshot of Australian Nepali Community



## International Students from Nepal:

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Nepal is the third largest source of foreign students in Australia behind China and India.

In year 2022 there were 45,000 international students from Nepal

