

Recommended Core Civic Values

The following have been recommended by the Australian Citizenship Council as a possible set of core civic values which might form the basis of an Australian Compact.

A commitment to the land (so strong in Australia that it might be seen as a civic value).

A commitment to the rule of law (as one of the essential bases of a free and peaceful society) and to equality under the law.

A commitment to the basics of a representative liberal democracy including freedom of opinion.

A commitment to principles of tolerance and fairness.

A commitment to acceptance of cultural diversity.

A commitment to the wellbeing of all Australians.

A commitment to recognising the unique status of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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