



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**OVER \$500,000 IN FUNDING FOR MIGRANT SERVICES IN NEWCASTLE**

Sharon Grierson today welcomed the Federal Government's announcement that it would provide three grants totalling over half a million dollars to Northern Settlement Services in Newcastle.

The \$553,963 in grants for three different projects is part of the Federal Government's \$34 million commitment to assist with the settlement of refugees and migrants right around Australia.

"This is great news for Northern Settlement Services, and it's an appropriate recognition of the tremendous work that the organisation does for newly arrived migrants in the region" Ms Grierson said.

"I have worked closely with the Northern Settlement Services over the years and can testify to the commitment and professionalism of the organisation and its staff."

"Northern Settlement Services was one of 168 organisations nation-wide to be funded as part of the Settlement Grants Program (SGP)."

"These programs will help local refugees and migrants become self-reliant, contribute to our local community and acquire the life skills and knowledge to settle in Newcastle comfortably."

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