

I will be specific to Hawkes bay region where currently over 2000 Muslims are residing from different countries and mostly in Napier city while around same count of 2000 people living from indian origin covering south African indian, Tamil, shikhs, fiji indian and Bangladeshi indians.

In all survey and ethnic forms there is only category of indian or middle eastern to select and this is giving advantages to indian to show their more count by covering huge population of south east asia and central asia which not belongs to India.

Due to this unnecessary population increased count of indian community is in record and benefiting advantage to indian population to have high representation in local and national government and board positions in organisations for name of equal opportunity where Muslims from many countries which are equal in same population not reflecting their count correctly and missing out equal opportunity and representation.

South African indian and Shikh indian are in leading regional forums and organisations are not rotating opportunities to other ethnic community specially Muslims and they are not getting enough opportunity to celebrate their events like indian do for holi, dewali, opnum and other events more frequently.

Solution is to correct the stats and ethnic forms to reflect correct population distribution to have equal opportunity to all ethnic groups.