



Source: ABS Census 1996

	English proficiency recorded as not well or not at all	% of language group	Total NESB population
Arabic	120	7.89%	1520
Cantonese	1482	22.85%	6485
Chinese (oth)	197	23.01%	856
Croatian	63	10.79%	584
Greek	1074	13.15%	8166
Italian	934	12.49%	7476
Macedonian	104	11.71%	888
Mandarin	368	23.85%	1543
Persian	82	19.07%	430
Vietnamese	79	23.03%	343
LGA Total of NESB	5315	15.75%	33737

5315 people recorded their English proficiency as not well or not at all. The largest number of people who recorded their English proficiency in this category was the Cantonese speaking community followed by the Greek speaking community.