



Consejo de Residentes Españoles
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A few months ago the community in Canberra elected a new Consejo de Residentes en el Extranjero (CRE) or Council of Spanish Residentes. Many still ask: What is the CRE and what does it do?

The CRE represents the unified voice of the community. The CRE can give more strength to our complaints and requests to official Spanish organisms as well as facilitate communications between the community and the Consular Office.

More specifically the CRE is a consultative organism whose main functions are:

- a) Be a channel of communication between the community and the Consular Office.
- b) Consider and propose to the Consular Office any suggestions relating to the functions of the Office which may contribute to improve its operation within the circumscription.
- c) Advise and inform the Consular Office about any issues affecting the community.
- d) Inform the community of any measures relevant to us adopted by the Spanish public administration.
- e) Cooperate with the Consular Office or with other Spanish institutions, local or otherwise, to give a greater institutional character to those activities which may be held to the benefit of the community.
- f) Collaborate with the Consular Office in the electoral processes, including of the CRE itself.
- g) Participate, in the appropriate manner, in the procedures for the granting of assistance and subventions set up in favour of the Spanish residents outside Spain

We are already four, possibly five, generations of Spaniards established in Canberra and as a whole we have the needs typical of each generation. For example, the first ones to arrive are already of very advanced age and in increasing need of all kinds of assistance, in particular in regards to health, transport and welfare. As Spanish citizens living outside Spain we are entitled to benefit from the program of assistance offered by the Spanish government. But we have to ask! That's another role of the CRE.

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