

Aged Care Diversity Action Plan an important step towards equality for older CALD Australians

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) welcomes the launch of the first Aged Care Diversity Action Plan for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) Australians, announced today by Minister for Aged Care the Hon. Ken Wyatt MP in Adelaide.

As part of the Aged Care Diversity Framework, the CALD Action Plan will help remove the barriers and challenges older Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds face when accessing aged care services.

FECCA Chairperson Mary Patetsos congratulated Minister Wyatt on the launch of the Plan, which was developed with the support of organisations like FECCA.

“FECCA was a member of the diversity sub committee which contributed to the development of this plan and consulted widely with CALD communities across Australia,” she said.

“Those consultations identified a range of barriers these communities face in accessing aged care services, which include language barriers, cultural barriers, and issues with accessing technology.”

“Every Australian has the right to quality healthcare, and the Aged Care Diversity Action Plan for CALD Australians provides a framework whereby we can work towards delivering equal access to these services for all Australians.”

FECCA is the peak, national body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. FECCA's role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of its constituency to government, business and the broader community.

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