

FECCA Calls for Funding Boost for Aged Care

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA), in its pre-Budget submission, has called on the Federal Government to increase its funding of care for older people of migrant background.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Ms Mary Patetsos, said: "In older age, Australians of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background deserve care which meets their needs and expectations.

"This is why our pre-Budget submission argues for increased funding to support Australians in areas including dementia care accessibility to *My Aged Care*."

FECCA's pre-Budget submission calls for the Budget to include resources to:

- support the implementation of the National Aged Care Diversity Framework
- provide targeted assistance to CALD Australians living with dementia including language assistance
- fund bilingual and bicultural capability in aged care assessment teams
- ensure adequate resourcing for the development of a CALD inclusive aged care navigator service to provide equity of access for older CALD Australians, their carers and representatives.

Ms Patetsos said: "Outside of the ageing and aged care portfolio, FECCA calls on the Government to continue supporting Australia's successful multicultural community by further developing access and equity to Government services; supporting SBS and supporting the Australian Human Rights Commission and its work to prevent racism and discrimination."

"We look forward to working with the Government to achieve positive outcomes for all Australians of all backgrounds."

Other key priorities from FECCA's pre-Budget submission include:

- continued support for the Mental Health in Multicultural Australian (MHiMA) project
- targeted support for CALD young Australians to find pathways to meaningful employment
- continued support for SBS including the reinstatement of SBS's base funds
- funding to ensure equality of access for CALD Australians to the NDIS.

FECCA's full pre-Budget submission can be found [here](#).

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from 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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