

FECCA Calls on Government to Reconsider Decision on Refugees

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today called on the Government to reconsider its decision to compel refugees seeking asylum, who came to Australia for medical treatment, to return to Nauru or Manus Island by cutting their support payments.

Chairperson of FECCA, Mr Joe Caputo OAM said: 'FECCA is very concerned about the situation on Manus Island and Nauru. We do not believe that it is in Australia's best interests to move these vulnerable people offshore.'

'We urge the Government to reconsider this decision that will badly impact these individuals,' Mr Caputo continued.

FECCA supports a non-discriminatory humanitarian resettlement program that is responsive to the growing global needs for refugee resettlement and support.

'As a signatory to the refugee convention, we call on the government to stand by our moral and international obligations and give refugees the right to be resettled in Australia,' said Mr Caputo.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse 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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