

FECCA submission on family violence

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) said today that women and children on temporary visas who are experiencing family violence need greater protections and improved access to services.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos said that many women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds were in a vulnerable position because they did not have the same access to support services as other women in Australia.

“Migrant women face barriers in accessing refuges, law enforcement, the justice system and other services working with women and children experiencing family violence,” Ms Patesos said.

“And CALD women living with disability are particularly at risk.”

The FECCA Chairperson spoke after attending the COAG National Summit on Reducing Violence Against Women, held in Adelaide over the last two days.

FECCA this week made its submission to the Federal Government to inform the development of the Fourth Action Plan under the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2012-2022*.

Ms Patesos said that FECCA's submission also calls for improvements to cultural competency of services and the workforce and a review of eligibility requirements to enable more victims of violence to access financial and other crisis support.

The FECCA submission can be found [here](#).

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

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