

FECCA supports call for greater recognition of migrant skills

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) said today that Australia should find better ways to harness the skills and experience of migrants.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos, said that a Deloitte Access report commissioned by the Queensland Government had found that greater recognition of migrants' skills and experience would deliver a \$250 million boost to that State's economy over a 10-year period.

"The report finds that lack of recognition in Australia of overseas-obtained qualifications often prevented migrants and refugees from obtaining jobs which aligned with their skills.

"We believe that governments, industry groups and employers across Australia should find better ways to make use of the huge economic resource that new arrivals bring to our country.

"Australia needs to make recognition of overseas qualifications a less complex and expensive process and to support employers to better understand and appreciate the value of experience and skills gained overseas.

"This will enable people who come here can live a full life commensurate with their skills as well as deliver the maximum benefit to Australia—to build the nation using the greatest application of their skills and experience," Ms Patetsos said.

The report is available [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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