

FECCA urges Government to support Law Council justice report

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today welcomed the Law Council of Australia's *Justice Project Final Report* and called on the Government to implement its recommendations.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos said: "This is a national, comprehensive review of the state of access to justice in Australia for people experiencing disadvantage.

"FECCA, as the peak body representing people of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background, believes this report should form an essential platform for Government action.

"The report includes accounts from Australians of all backgrounds describing the devastating consequences of not being able to access justice or of poor outcomes.

"It addresses justice issues across a whole range of government services, including immigration, aged care, disability, welfare, families and housing."

Ms Patetsos said that the Justice Project's recommendations for resourcing the judicial system, implementation of a National Justice Interpreter Scheme and the need for culturally responsive and accessible services for people including those of CALD background, should be made high priority for Government action.

"We congratulate the Law Council for this comprehensive report," Ms Patetsos.

The [full final report](#) is available, broken into 22 individual chapters as well as a [two-page summary](#), including key recommendations.

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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