

# FECCA welcomes aged care initiatives

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today welcomed a series of initiatives by the Federal Government aimed at improving the care of older people in Australia and protecting their rights.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Ms Mary Patetsos, said that FECCA had worked closely with the Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care, Mr Ken Wyatt, to share with him of the needs of older Australians, particularly those of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background.

"We congratulate the Government and Minister Wyatt for the passing of the Single Aged Care Quality Framework and we are pleased that it recognises the role of culturally appropriate practice in the provision of aged care," Ms Patetsos said.

"It is important that all older Australians, of all cultural and linguistic backgrounds, are treated with respect."

Ms Patetsos said that FECCA also welcomed the Government's legislation to set up the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission and the commitment to provide additional funding.

"And we congratulate the Minister for his strategy to grow Australia's professional aged care workforce, which sees a need for a million workers by the year 2050. We will continue to work with the Minister's taskforce to ensure the workforce is able to meet the diverse needs of older people including those in rural, regional and remote areas," Ms Patetsos said.

"It should also be noted that the aged care workforce is one of the most culturally diverse in Australia and we need to ensure that these workers are protected, supported and appropriately rewarded for their work."

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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