

# FECCA welcomes newly announced aged care reform

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today congratulated the Federal Government on its decision to establish an independent Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos, said that the Government, through the Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt, had delivered a major step forward.

“The reforms announced today, which follow the Carnell-Paterson Review, will strengthen the regulation of aged care and help protect older Australians,” Ms Patetsos said.

“The new Commission consolidates the oversight powers of a number of established agencies into a single body regulating accreditation, complaints, monitoring and compliance.

“FECCA has been working closely with the Government to ensure that quality care is delivered which meets the diverse needs of older Australians.

“Our major goal is that the voices of older Australians of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background are heard in this reform process.

“We will continue to work with the Government on a range of issues and challenges faced by CALD Australians.

“We applaud the Federal Government’s bold initiatives on this matter and congratulate Minister Wyatt on his commitment to quality aged care,” Ms Patetsos said.

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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