

# FECCA welcomes Royal Commission on aged care

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today welcomed the announcement by the Federal Government of a Royal Commission into aged care in Australia.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos said that as the peak body representing older Australians of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background, FECCA looked forward to assisting the inquiry as much as possible.

"More than one in every three older Australians was born overseas," Ms Patetsos said.

"People of CALD background face particular issues as they age and require help to access and understand the services they need.

"All older Australians, regardless of their background, deserve our respect and care. They have the right to make decisions for themselves, to live full and active lives and to be assured when they are vulnerable that they will be safe.

"For some time, FECCA has been working with the Government to emphasise the needs of people from CALD background and to recommend improvements.

"We welcome the rigour which a Royal Commission will bring to an examination of this industry and will assist wherever we can," Ms Patetsos said.

Ms Patetsos said that FECCA also welcomed the support given to the proposed Royal Commission today by the Opposition Leader, Bill Shorten.

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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