

FECCA's response to reports of proposed changes to the citizenship test

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FECCA is aware of reports in today's media about a possible proposal to change the Australian citizenship test.

FECCA highlights the importance of citizenship policy to achieving and maintaining social cohesion in the Australian community. Mr Joe Caputo, Chairperson of FECCA said: "Citizenship is symbolic of acceptance into the Australian community and is highly valued among immigrant groups."

Mr Caputo continued, "FECCA would need to see the details of any proposed changes. However, FECCA would be concerned about any changes to the citizenship test that would unfairly target some of Australia's most vulnerable arrivals, such as refugees."

"FECCA believes that, as part of the process of attaining Australian citizenship, a greater emphasis should be placed on civics and citizenship education," said Mr Caputo.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. FECCA's role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of its constituency to government, business and the broader community.

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