

FECCA urges action on United Nations report

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) has called on the Australian Government to consider the findings of the United Nations expert panel on racial discrimination, released today.

The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) found that discrimination, racism and intolerance is on the increase in Australia.

Chairperson of FECCA, Ms Mary Patetsos, said: "The report represents a call for action."

"Its release and the debate it will generate provides an important opportunity for FECCA and our partner organisations – including representatives of Indigenous Australians – to work with the Government to protect our multicultural nation," she continued.

Ms Patetsos said: "Over many decades, Australia has been internationally recognised as a great example of a multicultural society."

"We must protect Australia's diverse society and work to ensure all Australians can fully participate in our community."

Ms Patetsos said: "We look forward to collaborating with the Australian Government to address the findings of the UNCERD report and to ensure respect and equity for all Australians, regardless of their background," Ms Patetsos said.

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

The report is available here.

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