

# FECCA submission on Australia's migrant intake

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) has once again taken the opportunity to affirm, in a submission to the Federal Government on Australia's migrant intake, that migration is central to Australia's continuing economic, intellectual and social success.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Ms Mary Patetsos, said today: "Migration brings new skills, knowledge and experience to this country. And migrants help to build a productive and culturally rich Australian society."

"The Prime Minister himself has stated that Australia is 'the most successful multicultural society in the world'. We agree. And we welcome this opportunity to respond to the Government's discussion paper on *Australia's Migrant Intake*."

In its submission, FECCA argues that:

Australia's migration program should ensure a balance between skills and work-related visas and humanitarian and family visas:

- Priority be given to improving recognition of migrants' overseas qualifications;
- Temporary and seasonal visa workers be better protected from abuse and exploitation by employers;
- Medium and long-term visas include a pathway to permanent residency and citizenship; and
- There should be no changes to either the waiting period or English language requirements for permanent residents to apply for Australian citizenship.

FECCA's full submission can be found [here](#).

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and their organisations. FECCA provides advocacy, develops policy and promotes issues on behalf of its constituency to Government and the broader community

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