

Australian Labor multiculturalism policy welcomed

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) welcomes the Australian Labor Party's multicultural policy, [Community Cohesion Program – Investing in New Migrants](#), announced over the weekend.

The Community Cohesion Program outlines:

- A \$24 million investment to fund improvements in the Adult Migration English Program (AMEP);
- A \$3 million investment for the Community Hubs program; and
- \$1.5 million to go towards the Australian Human Rights Commission's *It Stops With Me* campaign.

As a proud member of the National Anti-Racism Partnership, we are encouraged to see funding earmarked for *Racism. It Stops With Me* campaign—the primary awareness activity within the National Anti-racism Strategy.

We are also encouraged by the previous announcement pledging the establishment of an [Office for Multicultural Affairs \(OMA\)](#).

FECCA Chairperson Joe Caputo said, “We believe that targeted policies are necessary to address and support the particular needs of Australia’s culturally and linguistically diverse population; to foster social inclusion and continue attracting migrants. We look forward to progressing these initiatives with the Labor party.”

FECCA has written to all the major parties, identifying priorities across a number of policy areas that will benefit Australia’s migrants and refugees, and will shortly make the responses available for consideration to our members and constituency.

You can read FECCA’s election priorities – [Governing for All Australians: A Policy Platform to Respond to Australia’s Cultural and Linguistic Diversity](#) – in full here.

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