

# Cutting migrant intake sends wrong message to Australian community

FECCA today said that the Morrison Government's proposed cut to Australia permanent migrant intake by 30,000 in order to ease congestion sends the wrong message to the Australian community.

FECCA Chair Ms Mary Patetsos said the debate around congestion was an issue of infrastructure investment, not one of migration.

“FECCA welcomes the Morrison Government's infrastructure spending commitments in the lead up to the Federal Budget.

“These commitments are a recognition of the need to invest in infrastructure in order to keep up with population growth in Australia's major cities.

“However it is extremely important that following the atrocities in Christchurch political leaders not conflate the issue of congestion with migration. To do so is not only erroneous but irresponsible.

“Care must be taken at this time to reassure Australians from ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds that they belong and are welcome in Australia.”

FECCA is the peak, national body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) 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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