

FECCA encouraged by Opposition promise on superannuation

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) said today that the Federal Opposition's commitment to help women secure a better financial future was encouraging, with its plan for a Labor Government to invest \$400 million to strengthen the superannuation system.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos, said that women of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background were particularly vulnerable and faced economic insecurity.

"Many of these women work in part-time, casual or multiple low-paid jobs and may fall below the \$450 minimum monthly income threshold for the superannuation guarantee," Ms Patetsos said.

"The promised reforms will give CALD women better access to the superannuation system.

"FECCA applauds any policy which gives meaningful recognition to the role that working people of CALD background play in contributing to Australian society."

She said that FECCA also welcomed the plan to apply the superannuation guarantee to workers on parental leave.

"We believe that all women who join the workforce, including new arrivals, should have access to measures which will provide them with a more secure economic future," Ms Patetsos said.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Our role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of our constituency to government, business and the broader community.

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