

FECCA salutes Dr Tim Soutphommasane

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia has paid tribute to the outgoing Race Discrimination Commissioner, Dr Tim Soutphommasane.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos, said that Dr Soutphommasane had been an outstanding advocate of Multicultural Australia and a fierce defender of human rights for all Australians in his role, which seeks to maintain and enhance the harmony and success of Australia's society.

"FECCA endorses Tim's warnings about the emergence of 'race politics'," Ms Patetsos said today.

"It is the responsibility of all who lead public debate in Australia to ensure that issues around immigration and population and other matters relating to Multicultural Australia are discussed in a climate of respect.

"For decades, Australia has been a country where the economic and social benefits, nation-building and diversity delivered by generations of migrants is celebrated—and where their rights to equality and non-discriminatory treatment are respected by our leaders, regardless of politics.

"We urge all Australians to stand by these principles," 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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