

FECCA says immigration decision shows lack of leadership

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) said today that the Prime Minister's snap decision to cut immigration numbers by 30,000 showed a lack of leadership and was driven by dubious polling.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos, said today: "At a time when leadership is required, we see Prime Minister Scott Morrison reacting to a divisive agenda.

"Our strong immigration level is vital to Australia's economic growth, something Mr Morrison himself emphasised earlier this year when he declared that cutting immigration would negatively impact the Budget, that it would '*hit the bottom line, the deficit*'

"Instead of now declaring '*enough, enough, enough*', Mr Morrison should be showing national leadership with a comprehensive plan to improve the nation's infrastructure so that it can service a growing, prosperous nation.

"It is not good enough for the nation's Prime Minister to abandon long-term vision for our future and opt for short-term populist politics.

"The real issue in the so-called 'immigration debate' is inadequate infrastructure, not migrant numbers. We need a Government that shows true leadership on population policy," 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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