

FECCA statement on Christchurch shooting

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) expresses its sympathy and support for the victims of the shootings today at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

While the situation is evolving, early reports suggest these were attacks against those of the Muslim community.

These horrific and cowardly attacks happened in places where Muslim New Zealanders go to express their faith in peace.

Violence of any kind that is motivated by hatred towards ethnic or religious groups has no place in society.

People of faith should feel free to exercise their beliefs without threat of violence and intimidation.

On behalf of Australia's ethnic communities FECCA expresses its solidarity with the individual victims, their families, the Christchurch community, and all New Zealanders.

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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