

# FECCA to meet new Multicultural Minister

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) says that the newly established Department of Home Affairs inherits a proud and strong legacy that is our Multicultural Australia.

The Chairperson of FECCA, Ms Mary Patetsos, said today that FECCA acknowledges the recent appointment of the new Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Peter Dutton, as well as the new Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Mr Alan Tudge.

"Multiculturalism presents great strengths for Australia, and we look forward to working with the Government to harness its great opportunities," Ms Patetsos said.

"Migrants have contributed to the social, cultural and economic fabric of this country and Australia has truly benefited from this diversity."

Ms Patetsos said that previous to the new Ministerial appointments, FECCA had collaborated with the Department of Social Services.

"We have valued the positive and productive engagement we have developed with the Department of Social Services, and look towards building on our credentials," Ms Patetsos said.

Ms Patetsos said that she would be meeting soon with Minister Alan Tudge.

"Australia's multiculturalism is about the recognition, acceptance and celebration of our cultural, linguistic and faith based community. Australia has truly benefited from this diversity, as well as our shared commitment to Australian laws and democratic values."

Ms Patetsos said that FECCA thanked the former Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs, Senator Zed Seselja for his support of FECCA in past years.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities and their organisations. FECCA provides advocacy, develops policy and promotes issues on behalf of its constituency to Government and the broader community

**Contact:** 0403 044 216 / [emma@fecca.org.au](mailto:emma@fecca.org.au)