

FECCA welcomes announcement of Women's Safety Package

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) welcomes the announcement of the Government's Women's Safety Package, particularly the inclusion of measures targeting culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) women.

As part of the package, the eSafety Commission will develop a resource package about online safety for women, including for women from CALD communities. A further \$15 million has been allocated to establish specialised domestic violence units to provide access to coordinated legal, social work and cultural liaison services for women in a single location, and allow legal services to work with local hospitals, including women from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

FECCA emphasises the importance of including culturally and linguistically diverse women's voices, and considering the complex challenges faced by migrant and refugee women as part of the national conversation on domestic and family violence.

"Anecdotal evidence shows that the rate of violence perpetrated against culturally and linguistically diverse women is very high," said FECCA Women's Chair Pallavi Sinha. "CALD women face intersectional barriers to reporting domestic violence including language, lack of support networks, and cultural factors."

FECCA commends the announcement of this Women's Safety Package by the Government and looks forward to its implementation of these important measures.

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