

FECCA welcomes Australian Greens' announcement on an Australian charter of rights

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) welcomed yesterday's announcement by the Australian Greens that they will introduce draft laws for an Australian charter of rights and refer them to a parliamentary inquiry for discussion and consultation.

Ms Eugenia Grammatikakis, Acting Chair of FECCA said: "FECCA has consistently called on all parties to develop a national legislative framework on multiculturalism, through a robust process of consultation and legislative inquiry, which recognises and protects the rights of every person in Australia's multicultural society."

Ms Grammatikakis said: "Multiculturalism needs to be embedded, not just in government policy, but in the Australian political system, through a whole of government approach, which recognises, values and protects cultural, religious, racial and linguistic diversity."

Ms Grammatikakis continued: "Public consultation through an inquiry looking into an Australian charter of rights provides an opportunity to explore legislative protection for multiculturalism and diversity. FECCA looks forward to submitting our views. We urge all sides of politics to support the inquiry."

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse 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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