

FECCA welcomes disability royal commission

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) welcomes Prime Minister Scott Morrison's announcement on the formation of a three-year royal commission into the abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability.

FECCA Chairperson Ms Mary Patetsos said the National Ethnic Disability Alliance has done a great job as the peak body representing people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

"It's important that the voices of people with disability from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds are heard through this process, and FECCA commends the National Ethnic Disability Alliance for their advocacy in this area," she said.

"We know that the challenges people with disability face in accessing care and support services, and government services generally, are compounded for those who have language or cultural barriers as well.

"It will be important for the terms of reference of the royal commission to make specific reference to these added challenges faced by CALD Australians and for the commissioners to explore ways to help CALD Australians with disabilities gain better access services.

"FECCA is committed to working with the National Ethnic Disability Alliance to raise awareness of the royal commission among our members and encourage our communities to make submissions and participate in hearings."

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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