

FECCA welcomes new Aged Care Diversity Framework

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) said today that the Federal Government's launch of a new Aged Care Diversity Framework was a milestone in the care of older people from diverse backgrounds.

FECCA chairperson Ms Mary Patetsos said that people of Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds face particular issues as they age.

"The fact is that more than one in every three older Australians was born overseas," Ms Patetsos said.

"In many cases, CALD Australians revert to their original language in older age, which presents major challenges for aged care providers and the staff who work in the facilities."

"Australians of all backgrounds deserve aged care that meets their needs and expectations."

"FECCA was pleased to be part of the Aged Care Sector Committee Diversity Sub-Group, which produced the Framework launched by the Minister for Aged Care, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP."

"We look forward to continuing to bring our expertise in the care of CALD older Australians to the program."

Ms Patetsos said that all governments, peak organisations and aged care providers now had a clear road map for the delivery of improved services to older Australians of diverse backgrounds.

"Older Australians deserve our respect, care and help. FECCA looks forward to playing its part in the first series of action plans of the Framework, which targets challenges faced by CALD Australians as they age as well as indigenous elders and those who identify as LGBTIQ," Ms Patetsos said.

The Australia's Aged Care Diversity Framework can be found [here](#).

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from 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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