

FECCA welcomes the establishment of the Aged Care Advisory Council

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) welcomes the establishment of the Aged Care Advisory Council (ACAC) and the Council of Elders, following a recommendation by the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

FECCA Chairperson, Ms Mary Patetsos, along with 16 other prominent leaders in the aged care sector, were today appointed to the National Aged Care Advisory Council.

The Council has a three-year mandate to provide expert advice on the ongoing reform in the aged care sector that will benefit older Australians, their families, and carers.

FECCA is pleased that culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities are represented on this panel of advisors with the inclusion of Ms Patetsos.

"A third of Australia's ageing population is from CALD backgrounds. A growing proportion of the aged care workforce also come from these communities. We have a huge stake as the sector goes through significant reform," Ms Patetsos said.

Ms Patetsos brings to the advisory group her rare blend of academic qualifications and expertise in aged care and multiculturalism, and commitment to equity and social justice for CALD communities, migrants, and refugees.

"We warmly congratulate Ms Patetsos knowing she will advocate for inclusive and culturally responsible aged care services for all Australians," said FECCA CEO Mohammad Al-Khafaji.

FECCA acknowledges the Government for carefully considering the make up of the council and for ensuring diversity on this high level and important body. We thank Minister Hunt and Minister Colbeck for consulting and working in partnership with the sector on aged care reform.

"We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Government to ensure multicultural communities remain active partners in aged care reform," said Mr Al-Khafaji.

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) is Australia's peak multicultural organisation representing and advocating on behalf of Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

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