

FECCA welcomes the opportunity to review the National Ageing and Aged Care Strategy for People from CALD Backgrounds

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) today made its [submission](#) to the Review of the *National Ageing and Aged Care Strategy for People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Backgrounds (the CALD Strategy)*.

FECCA Chair, Joe Caputo said: "FECCA recognises the work of the Minister for Aged Care, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP and the Government to ensure that the needs of older CALD Australians are met."

"In particular, we acknowledge the efforts of the Department of Health to consult with the wider community and welcome the opportunity to review the *CALD Strategy*," said Mr Caputo.

The Australian Government released the *CALD Strategy* to respond to the needs of older people from CALD backgrounds.

FECCA is working closely with the Department to develop a broader Aged Care Diversity Framework which will include CALD Australians alongside other special needs groups. Under the Diversity Framework, a specific action plan will be developed for aged care consumers of CALD backgrounds.

Mr Caputo continued: "It is imperative that the needs of this large cohort of ageing Australians continue to be recognised and supported by Government and the aged care sector."

"There are still many challenges ahead for providing culturally inclusive care and the review of the *CALD Strategy* will better inform us on the successes so far and areas for improvement as we develop the new Diversity Framework."

"FECCA is looking forward to learning of the outcomes of the *CALD Strategy* review process and to continue its work with the Department of Health and other stakeholders to improve outcomes for older CALD Australians," he said.

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