

Multicultural communities express support for Uluru Statement from the heart

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA), the peak body representing Australia's culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, and its members, have today expressed their support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

FECCA Chairperson Mary Patetsos said Australia's multicultural communities stand with Australia's First Nations Peoples in their journey for self-determination and reconciliation.

"During National Reconciliation Week, we encourage multicultural communities to engage with, learn about and commit to reconciliation with Australia's First Nations Peoples. We are all in this together." she said.

Today FECCA also launches its [draft engagement guide](#) for consultation designed to help drive positive engagement between Australia's CALD communities and First Nations Peoples.

The guide seeks to provide Australia's multicultural communities with a resource to help them engage in a genuine and meaningful way with Australia's First Nations Peoples and build long lasting relationships.

FECCA is seeking feedback on the draft guide, from both First Nations Peoples and CALD communities, during a consultation period that runs until **Friday 31 July**.

"FECCA has launched this draft guide because we believe it is important to create greater and deeper connections between migrant communities in Australia and First Nations Peoples." Ms Patetsos said.

"We hope this guide will generate long-term, meaningful engagement between Australia's newest arrivals and Australia's traditional custodians."

Reconciliation Australia CEO Karen Mundine welcomed this announcement and encouraged engagement in this process.

"We encourage Aboriginal communities to get involved in this process and engage with this process. Through this guide, we can build partnerships and alliances into the future." Ms Mundine said.

- To read the guide and provide feedback visit www.fecca.org.au/reconciliation.
- Get involved in the National Reconciliation Week: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/>
- To follow the conversation on social media: [#InThisTogether2020](#) / [#NRW2020](#)

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