

Report shows huge economic benefits of migration

The Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) said that a Federal Government report released today shows the huge economic benefits to Australia that are delivered by the nation's migration program.

The report, by Treasury and the Department of Home Affairs, finds that a single year's intake (2014-15) of migrants will deliver \$7 billion dollars in tax contributions to the Government over a 30-year period. Family migrants granted permanent visas in the same year will deliver a \$1.6 billion contribution.

In addition, the report finds that skilled migrants increase Australia's standard of living, lift productivity by 10 per cent and raise the workforce participation rate.

"This Government report sets out the significant net economic benefit to Australia from migration," the Chairperson of FECCA, Mary Patetsos said today.

"Migrants help make Australia strong and make it grow. They give to Australia far more than they take because they are overwhelmingly hard-working, optimistic and entrepreneurial.

"FECCA congratulates the Government on recognising this reality," Ms Patetsos said.

FECCA is the national peak body representing Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. Our role is to advocate and promote issues on behalf of our constituency to government, business and the broader community.

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