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### **Endorsement of FECCA submission to the National Aged Care Advocacy Framework**

The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria Inc. (ECCV) is the voice of multicultural Victoria. As the peak policy advocacy body for ethnic and multicultural organisations in Victoria, we are proud to have been the key advocate for culturally diverse communities in the state since 1974.

ECCV acknowledges the positive impact the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) has in advocating for improved access of older people from culturally diverse communities to government subsidised ageing and aged care services in Australia.

ECCV is pleased to endorse the FECCA submission on the National Aged Care Advocacy Framework (the Framework).

ECCV confirms that the FECCA submission aligns with ECCV's advocacy to ensure older culturally, linguistically, spiritually diverse people have equitable access to culturally appropriate ageing and individual advocacy services relating to the care they receive.

ECCV reinforces the issue FECCA raises about the current Framework that it focuses almost exclusively on individual advocacy rather than systemic advocacy. ECCV's ageing and aged care [advocacy outline](#) for 2016-17 emphasises the importance to build the capacity of multicultural peak bodies, organisations and communities, and families in advocating for their elderly with a view to promoting healthy and culturally inclusive ageing.

ECCV also suggests that the Framework includes community education and outreach activities for older people, their families, and carers from culturally, linguistically, and spiritually diverse communities.

ECCV member organisations, particularly representatives from ethno-specific and multicultural community organisations and aged care service providers, have highlighted that information on home care and individual advocacy services is effectively communicated through multicultural media outlets ensuring a significant proportion of the multicultural community and their older members, families, and carers are well informed about government funded advocacy service they can utilise.

ECCV applauds FECCA on its aged care policy advocacy for people from migrant and refugee backgrounds and supports the six recommendations of its submission.



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