

**Election Statement**  
**Eddie Micallef**  
**October 2017**

Eddie Micallef is the current Chairperson of the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV), the peak policy and advocacy body representing diverse multicultural communities throughout Victoria.

Mr Micallef has held the position of ECCV Chairperson for two terms. During that period, and previously in his role as an ECCV Board member, he has been a strong advocate for multiculturalism and rights of Victoria's culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Eddie has a wealth of leadership experience, which has been developed over an extensive period of time. He has served as Deputy Chair to previous ECCV Chairpersons, and has been a member of the ECCV Office Bearers group. In these many roles he has been integral to the ongoing success and raised profile of the ECCV, and has often been called on to represent it at various high-level government and community consultations.

Eddie has played a central role as the media spokesperson for the ECCV in responding to key issues relating to multiculturalism within Victoria, and has been active in representing the ECCV on numerous external organisations including the Health Services Review Council (Ministerial appointment) and the Board of Hepatitis Victoria.

He served as a member of the Victorian Parliament from March 1983 to September 1999. During this time, amongst a range of positions, he held responsibilities covering Health, Industrial relations, Work Cover and Multicultural affairs.

Eddie has an extensive background in occupational health, with more than 30 years' experience in community health, where he, amongst a range of issues, promoted policy and programs that enabled culturally diverse communities to better respond to drug and alcohol challenges. He is currently a director at Inner South Community Health Service.

