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## **ECCV welcomes funding announcement from the State Minister for Multicultural Affairs**

The Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) is delighted with the announcement from the State Minister for Multicultural Affairs Richard Wynne MP regarding ongoing funding of \$2million over the next four years for the ECCV.

“We acknowledge and celebrate the continuing investment from the state government of Victoria in the core work of ECCV, which it has done for more than 40 years,” said Eddie Micallef, Chairperson of the ECCV Board.

“We would also like to acknowledge the immense contribution of our dedicated volunteers to the legacy of ECCV and a large number of our member associations.”

“We continue to gather support and inputs from our 220 member organisations, including 8 regional councils across Victoria, on the priorities for the 2.2 million Victorians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.”

Guided by these inputs and the support of our members, the ECCV will be undertaking the development of a new strategic plan. This will help inform future policy and advocacy priorities as we look to ensure that the potential of Victorians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are fully realised economically, socially and as active citizens.

Backed by evidenced based research and practice, the ECCV will continue to advocate to all levels of the government to amplify the voice of multicultural Victoria. Systemic disadvantage faced by community members due to racism and discrimination continues to threaten the democratic values of fairness and inclusion. Victoria's vibrant multicultural society was built on and continues to thrive on the strong foundation of these democratic values. Denouncing vilification and ensuring the valuing of thriving multicultural communities continues to be an advocacy priority for the ECCV.

We are looking forward to working with the Victorian Government, the Victorian Multicultural Commission, and the broader business and service sector to ensure that Victoria continues to remain a world leader in multiculturalism and social cohesion.

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*Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria (ECCV) is the peak advocacy body for culturally diverse communities in Victoria, since 1974. As the voice for multicultural Victoria, ECCV is the conduit with*

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