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Let's Stand Together: Social cohesion and community action needed now more than ever

The ECCV supports and endorses the Victorian government actions to order a shut down of non-essential services and bring school holidays forward in a much-needed effort to curb the spread of the COVID 19 disease.

“Premier Daniel Andrews has shown leadership in these uncertain times and we welcome the government’s actions to decisively move the state towards safety,” said ECCV Board Chairperson, Eddie Micallef.

“Now is the time for all of Victoria to come together as one and help curb the spread of COVID 19 and ensure that we all come out the other side, stronger and better.”

It is evident from reports of long lines outside Centrelink offices that the ordered closure of businesses has led to stress and anxiety for those who risk losing their livelihood. The government’s stimulus packages will be timely support, if actioned and rolled out in time.

“The spread of COVID 19 has dealt a blow to the health of the community, as well as, to the health of our economy,” said Eddie.

“We join the Victorian Multicultural Commission in welcoming the government’s Business Survival package and will work together to advocate for Victoria’s diverse communities in the days ahead.”

“We all extend our heartfelt gratitude to the health workers, emergency services providers, care workers and others who are putting their lives on the line to protect ours.”

“We must return the favour by following government health advice, practising social distancing and helping to stop the spread of the COVID 19 virus.”

The ECCV will continue to work with members and stakeholders to gather necessary information regarding the impacts of the coronavirus to inform the government actions to curb its spread. Our priority will be to keep our multicultural communities informed and supported. Our work will continue to be guided by the values of Integrity, respect, equality, empowerment, social cohesion, and innovation.

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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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government and other stakeholders. We are a member driven organisation representing over 220 organizations on behalf of 70,000 members across Victoria. www.eccv.org.au

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