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Aged Care Access to Support Cultural and Linguistic Diversity

The Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt AM, MP today released the findings of a review into how aged care services for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities are working around Australia.

“Supporting the aged care needs of senior Australians with diverse backgrounds is a Turnbull Government priority,” Minister Wyatt said.

“Whatever our background, life experience or culture it’s important that as we age we have appropriate, affordable and accessible aged care that suits our individual circumstances.

“So many of the senior Australians who helped build this nation into one of the most prosperous and successful democracies in the world have culturally diverse backgrounds, and they must have access to an aged care system that understands and respects their needs.”

The CALD report details the experiences of a range of aged care stakeholders – providers, peak bodies and individuals – in implementing the strategy over the past five years, and outlines challenges for improvement in the future. Specific actions will be considered further.

“The findings in this report will help guide new policy so that aged care providers can deliver appropriate services and senior Australians, their families and carers can choose the quality care they deserve,” Minister Wyatt said.

“I want to thank the CALD Aged Care Strategy Working Group for their insight, expertise and commitment.

The CALD Aged Care Strategy Review will feed into the new Aged Care Diversity Framework, which is expected to be released in December.

For more information about the CALD Aged Care Strategy Review, visit the [Department of Health’s website](#).

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