

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **VMC COMMISSIONER GIVES PRIORITY TO OLDER VICTORIANS**

The issues and needs of older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds will soon be given greater priority, with the appointment of Marion Lau OAM JP to a new Victorian Government advisory committee.

Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) Chin Tan welcomed her appointment and praised her hard work and advocacy on behalf of Victoria's diverse communities.

"Marion Lau has been a commissioner with VMC since 2011, and in recognition of her tremendous contribution, she was recently reappointed for two years," Mr Tan said.

"Marion knows more than most, the unique issues and circumstances experienced by Victoria's ageing multicultural communities, and I applaud her appointment to the new Ministerial Advisory Committee for Senior Victorians.

"She will be a strong and vocal advocate for the needs of older Victorians."

The Ministerial Advisory Committee for Senior Victorians was announced by the Victorian Minister for Health and Ageing, David Davis on 12 September 2013, with Mr Gerard Mansour appointed as the Victorian Commissioner for Senior Victorians.

"Each of the members of the new advisory committee will bring their own significant knowledge and experience, and we look forward to the issues of older people from all backgrounds being better addressed as a result of their work," Mr Tan said.

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### **Commissioner – Ms Marion Lau OAM JP**

Ms Marion Lau has demonstrated strong advocacy skills to support the strengthening of Victoria's culturally diverse community generally. She has professional experience working for government in the area of health and ageing and is currently the Deputy Chairperson of the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria and a member of the Victorian Multicultural Business Ministerial Council and the Emergency Services Telecommunication Authority (ESTA).