



To: Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Treasurer of Australia

cc: Hon Anne Ruston, Minister for Families and Social Services

cc: Hon Michael Sukkar, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing

ERO Supplementation Funding

Dear Treasurer Frydenberg,

We are writing to you asking for equity in treatment of Commonwealth funded community services.

We congratulate the Federal Government for agreeing to pay ERO supplementation for all Commonwealth funded community services. As Australia moves out of the Covid recession this support will better enable federally funded community services to support those most in need.

At this stage homelessness services have not been guaranteed this security in funding. Minister Ruston has indicated this is because homelessness services are funded jointly by the Commonwealth and states and territories via the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, and not directly funded by the Commonwealth.

We note that the 2020-21 Budget included ongoing supplementation funding for services funded via the National Partnership Agreement on Legal Assistance Services, a jointly funded program of the Commonwealth and states, in addition to services directly funded by the Federal Department of Social Services. We seek this equivalent funding arrangement for homelessness services.

We are sure you will agree that the important work done by homelessness services across Australia have never been more vital to the wellbeing of our nation.

The loss of this funding, \$56.7 million in 2019-20, will have a devastating impact on the capacity of homelessness services to support those most at need. They provide critical services supporting those experiencing homelessness and preventing others from becoming homeless.

In 2019-20, services had to turn away 260 people needing assistance each day. Of those who missed out on support, two-thirds were women and girls, many fleeing domestic and family violence.

It is estimated that a funding cut of \$56.7 million would mean a loss of 567 workers in homelessness services and increase turn away rates to approximately 269 per day or an additional 3,458 people missing out on homelessness services each year.



In order to at least maintain existing homelessness service capacity in the face of increased demand, the undersigned organisations urge the Federal Government to recommit to Federal funding of ERO supplementation over the forward estimates.

Jenny Smith

Chair, Homelessness Australia on behalf of:

- 55 Central Inc.
- Accordwest
- ACT Council of Social Service
- ACT Shelter
- Anglicare WA
- Annie North
- ARC Justice
- Armidale Family Support Service Inc.
- Armidale Volunteer Referral Service
- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Inc
- Australian Services Union
- B Miles Women's Foundation
- Berry Street
- Beryl Women Inc.
- Bethany Community Support Inc.
- BeyondHousing
- Bondi Beach Cottage Incorporated
- Bonnie Support Services Ltd.
- Brimbank City Council
- Brisbane Youth Service
- Caroline Chisholm Society
- Carrie's Place Domestic Violence & Homelessness Services Inc
- Catholic Social Services Victoria
- CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay
- CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains
- Centre Against Violence
- Centre For Non-Violence
- CEWA
- CHIRP Community Health
- Coast Shelter
- Communicare
- Community Housing Industry Association
- Community Information & Support Victoria
- Community Resources Limited
- Community Restorative Centre



- Council to Homeless Persons
- Croghan, Rockmore & Associates
- Detour House Inc
- Domestic Violence NSW
- DV West
- EACH social & community health
- Eastern Region Domestic Violence Services Network Inc.
- Emerge women and children's support network
- ermha365
- Flat Out Inc.
- Fresh Hope
- Fusion Australia
- Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative
- Gippsland Lakes Complete Health Ltd
- Good Samaritan Inn
- Holy Fools Inc
- Homelessness NSW
- Hope Street Youth and Family Services Limited
- Housing Plus
- Illawarra Women's Health Centre
- Immigration Advice and Rights Centre
- inCommunity Inc
- Indigo Junction
- Inspire Youth and Family Services
- inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence
- Jacaranda Cottage
- Jacaranda Housing
- Jesuit Social Services
- Juno
- Justice Connect
- Kids Under Cover
- Kingsway Care
- Kingsway Community Church
- Kurrnulla Aboriginal Corporation
- Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust
- Latitude: Directions for Young People
- Launch Housing
- LCN Ltd Youth Links
- Liberty Domestic & Family Violence Specialist Services
- Lighthouse Foundation
- Lillian Howell Project Inc
- Linking Communities Network Ltd
- Lirata Ltd
- Mary's House Services
- McAuley Community Services for Women



- McCormack Housing
- MDB Consulting
- Melbourne City Mission
- Merri Outreach Support Service Ltd
- Micah Projects
- Mind Australia
- Mission Australia
- Molonglo Support Services Ltd
- Monaro Community Access Service
- Moving Forward
- Multicultural Futures
- My Foundations Youth Housing Ltd
- Narrabri & District Community Aid Service Inc
- Neami National
- Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
- No to Violence
- North and North West Community Legal Service
- Northern Rivers Community Gateway
- Nova for Women and Children
- NSW Council of Social Service
- NT Council of Social Service
- Orana NSW Inc
- Orana Support Service Incorporated
- Orange Sky
- Parkerville Children and Youth Care
- Penrith Women's Health Centre
- platform youth service
- Positive Life NSW
- Project Youth
- Public Interest Advocacy Centre
- RMIT University School of Social Work
- Ruah Community Services
- Sacred Heart Mission
- Safe Futures Foundation
- Shane Snellgrove Consulting
- Shelter NSW
- Shelter WA
- Shoalhaven Women's Resource Group T/A Rosa Coordinated Care
- Sisters Housing Enterprises (S.H.E) Inc.
- Social Futures
- South Port Community Housing Group
- South West Refuge Inc
- Southern Youth and Family Services
- Southside Community Care Inc.
- SSI



- St Bart's
- St Benedict's Community Centre
- St Patrick's Community Support Centre Limited
- St Vincent de Paul Society National Council
- St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
- St Vincent de Paul WA
- St. Mary's House of Welcome
- StreetSmart Australia
- Stride
- Sunbury & Cobaw Community Health
- Sunbury Winter Shelter
- Supported Accommodation & Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra Ltd
- Taldumande Youth Service
- Tenants' Union of NSW
- TFSS
- The Bridge Youth Service
- The Deli Women & Children's Centre
- The Haymarket Foundation Ltd.
- The Living Room Primary Health Service
- The Northern Centre
- The Privileged Few
- The Salvation Army Australia
- The Sexual Assault & Family Violence Centre
- The Wayside Chapel
- Thorne Harbour health
- Tumut Regional Family Services Inc.
- Uniting Vic.Tas
- Uniting WA
- Victorian Council of Social Service
- Victorian Public Tenants Association
- VincentCare Victoria
- WA Alliance to End Homelessness
- Wayside Chapel Kings Cross
- We Are Community Incorporated
- Wentworth Community Housing - Specialist Homelessness Team
- Western Australian Council of Social Services
- Windana Drug & Alcohol Recovery
- Windus
- Wintringham
- Wollongong Emergency Family Housing
- Wombat Housing Support Services Inc
- Women's and Girls' Emergency Centre
- Women's Community Shelters
- Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service
- Womens Health and Family Services



- Women's Health West
- Women's Housing Company
- Women's Housing Ltd
- Women's Liberation Halfway House
- Women's Shelter Armidale
- WRISC Family Violence Support Inc
- Yes Unlimited
- Yfoundations
- Yorgum Healing Services
- Young Crisis Accommodation Centre Inc
- Youth Off the Streets
- Youth Projects
- YWCA Australia
- YWCA Canberra
- Zonta House Refuge Association Inc.