



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Homelessness funding security warmly welcomed**

Homelessness Australia has strongly endorsed the Federal Government's move to plug a \$67.5 funding shortfall that has emerged in recent months.

Funding for the Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) supplementation for homelessness services to cover the wages of the workforce was due to expire in June 2023, creating uncertainty for providers.

Kate Colvin, CEO of Homelessness Australia, applauded the Commonwealth for heeding the concerns of those working on the frontline of the housing crisis.

“This housing crisis is the worst in living memory but homelessness organisations want to partner with government to fix it. That’s why this commitment is so important. It allows us to continue our important work and know that we have the security to do so.

“Surging rents and record low vacancy rates mean homelessness services are under immense pressure. Families with full time breadwinners are living in tents. It is reassuring to know the government is alive to this and is committed to resourcing the effort.

“On behalf of everyone working to deliver homelessness support and security, we thank the government for listening to our concerns and taking action.”

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