

# Statement of Support

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## Our organisation believes that:-

The provision of community services is critical to Australia's social cohesion and the development of a fair and equitable society.

The 'not for profit' sector offers hope and support to those most vulnerable in our community and provides services that are central in addressing disadvantage by acting as a protection against the worst effects of poverty, social exclusion, violence and inequality.

To ensure that the community is able to access adequate and appropriate services in an increasingly complex society, the community sector must be able to recruit and retain a skilled, dedicated and stable workforce.

The sector is currently experiencing significant difficulties in this area and it is critical to achieve improvements to working conditions in the sector to ensure workforce sustainability.

The union has an important role in advocating on behalf of workers in the sector so as to achieve improvements to their working lives through cross sector campaigns and collective bargaining.

**As such, our organisation supports the ASU – Community Sector Division campaign to improve the wages and conditions for workers in the sector employed under the Social and Community Services Award.**

Specifically, we support their call for increased funding targeted towards achieving:-

1. Better Wages;
2. Portable Long Service Leave
3. Paid parental Leave
4. Safer workplaces

To this end, our organisation undertakes that - by agreement and taking into account service delivery requirements – we will:

- Give the union access to our workplace/s so that they can provide information about this campaign to our staff;
- Support the participation of union members in campaign activities; and
- Advocate where appropriate in support of this campaign.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME AND ROLE OF SIGNATORY)

On behalf of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF ORGANISATION)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_