

Statement of Support

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: _____



**Respect the Workers!
Sustain the Services!**

Statements of Support

- AIDS Housing Action Group
- Anglicare Victoria
- Annie North Inc
- Arbias
- Association of Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres (ANHLC)
- Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Centres
- Barwon Youth
- Bendigo Community Health Services
- Bethany Community Support
- Brenda House Inc
- Brophy Family & Youth Services
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- Carers Victoria
- Catchment Youth Services
- Central Hume Support Services
- Centre for Multicultural Youth
- Child and Family Services – Ballarat
- Community Connections (Vic) Ltd
- Council of Single Mothers and their Children
- Council to Homeless Persons
- Dandenong and District Aborigines Cooperative Ltd
- Disability Justice Advocacy Inc
- Diversitat
- Domestic Violence Victoria
- Eastern Access Community Health
- Eastern Domestic Violence Outreach Service
- Family Access Network
- Fawkner Community House
- Financial Counselling (Vic) Inc
- Gippsland Regional Neighbourhood Houses Group
- Glastonbury Child & Family Services
- Glen Park Community Centre
- Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services
- Goulburn Valley Community Health Service
- Hanover Welfare Services
- Homeground Services
- Housing of the Aged Action Group
- Impact Leisure Association
- Iramoo Youth Refuge
- Jesuit Social Services
- Kara House Inc
- Koonung Cottage
- Lakes Entrance Neighbourhood House
- Loch Sport Community House Inc
- Mackillop Family Services
- Maroondah Halfway House
- Melbourne City Mission
- Merri Outreach Support Service
- Metro West Housing Services
- Milpara Community House
- MIND
- Moreland Community Legal Service
- Network West Inc.
- North East Housing Service
- Northcote Community Information and Support Service
- Olympic Adult Education
- Peninsula Support Services
- People Living With HIV/AIDS Victoria
- Port Phillip Community Group
- Quambatook Community Resource Centre
- Quantum Support Services
- Rural Housing Network Ltd
- Sacred Heart Mission
- South Port Community Housing Group
- Southwest Advocacy Association
- St Kilda Drop in Centre
- St Kilda Legal Service
- St Lukes Anglicare
- Sussex Neighbourhood House
- Time for Youth
- UnitingCare – Ballarat
- UnitingCare - Connections
- UnitingCare - Kilmany
- UnitingCare – Moreland Hall
- Uniting Care - Prahran Mission
- Uniting Care - Werribee Support and Housing
- Upper Murray Family Care
- VACRO
- Valerie House Good Shepherd
- Victorian AIDS Council
- Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture
- WAYSS
- Wedderburn Community House
- Wesley Mission Melbourne
- Women's Health West
- Women's Information Support and Housing in the North
- WRISC Family Violence Support Service
- Youth Substance Abuse Service
- Zena Collective
- Wodonga ALP Branch
- John Pandazopoulos – MP, Member for Dandenong
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