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The Hon. Gareth Ward MP

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Via email: Office@Ward.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister,

**National Wage Case and Indexation on NSW Funding Contracts**

In light of the recent Fair Work decision on the Annual Wage Review, I write to urge you to work with the NSW Treasurer and Premier to ensure the financial viability of services like ours.

Last week’s Annual Wage Review decision allocates a wage increase of 1.75%. This decision poses a financial impost for community organisations which must begin to pay the increase from 1st July 2020. In addition, these organisations will also need to meet the wage increases under the Equal Remuneration Order from 1 December 2020.

These financial pressures come at a time when not for profit and charity organisations across our region have been working under extreme conditions to support vulnerable individuals, families and communities through drought, bushfires, floods and the COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of these financial impacts, and bearing in mind the March quarter Consumer Price Index of 2.2%, we ask for an immediate increase in funding for indexation across all NSW funded community services of at least 2%.

Community services like ours are facing a significant crisis and we ask you to advocate for us and encourage the NSW Government through the Treasury to please address this issue now, and provide a minimum 2% funding increase from 1 July 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Your Name

Your Title

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