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The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP

NSW Treasurer

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Dear Treasurer,

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

On 19 June 2020 the Fair Work Commission handed down its Annual Wage Review decision which allocates a wage increase of 1.75% for all minimum wage and award reliant workers. While this decision brings a welcomed increase in staff wages, it does pose a financial impost for community organisations which must begin to pay the increase from 1 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%. This matter is most urgent and must not be delayed until the 2020/21 NSW Budget is handed down later this year.

Community services like ours are facing a significant crisis and we ask the NSW Government address this issue now, and provide a minimum 2% funding increase from 1 July 2020. Without this increase, community organisations will have no choice but to cut staff hours, leading to reduced services for vulnerable people and the loss of experienced and committed staff.

Yours sincerely,

Your Name

Your Title

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