

23 March 2020
The Hon. Dominic Perrottet MP
NSW Treasurer
52 Martin Place
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Via email: Office@Perrottet.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Treasurer

Re: Further measures to support vulnerable communities, the social and community services sector, and the NSW economy

This letter follows the joint NCOSS/Homelessness NSW letter (16 March 2020) that outlined a range of urgent measures required to support vulnerable people at increased risk from COVID-19. In particular, it highlighted the immediate actions necessary to protect people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

The Department of Communities and Justice, under strong leadership from Minister Ward, is working with the sector to provide additional resources, enable flexible approaches and find solutions.

This ongoing work is enabling services to provide vital support and prevent unnecessary exposure, illness and morbidity for both staff and clients.

The sector appreciates this partnership approach – which should continue and strengthen - and the preparedness of the NSW Government to make disadvantaged people a priority during this crisis.

Further measures are now required to support vulnerable communities and the social services industry.

The enclosed attachment outlines four proposed elements to a social services economic stimulus package - and estimated costings where possible. Implementation of the package will deliver long term health, social and economic benefits for NSW, including regional communities.

By continuing this partnership approach, we can best support the most vulnerable amongst us during this challenging time and create employment.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further at your earliest convenience. I can be reached on 0418 287 882.

Yours sincerely



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