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NCOSS RESPONSE TO NSW COVID SUPPORT PACKAGE

NSW's peak social services body, NCOSS has welcomed measures included in today's COVID relief announcement.

NCOSS CEO Joanna Quilty said some of the measures will support those most at risk, and provide relief during this uncertain time.

"Extending supports enabling rough sleepers to access temporary accommodation is welcome, as is the boost in funding for mental health services," Ms Quilty said.

"It's positive that the business supports will extend to not-for-profits, but we await further details on how this will be applied to frontline organisations.

"The eviction moratorium and additional measures to encourage rent reductions, are also welcome. However, if the lockdown is extended further, more support may be required.

"Housing costs in Sydney are the biggest hit on the weekly budget and impossible to manage if you have lost your income, so strong measures are needed to ensure people who rent do not become homeless."

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