

Dear

Re: Supporting vulnerable and at-risk people in Western Australia

I would like to draw your attention to the urgent need for the State Government to adequately fund Western Australia's Community Services Providers which support vulnerable and at-risk people in our community.

As a voter and taxpayer in the Western Australian community, I implore you to act on behalf of your constituents and more than 500,000 Western Australians who are in need, and support the Community Services Sector's request for a 20 per cent increase in funding for social services in the 2020/21 State Budget.

In the 2018 financial year the State Government received more than \$5 billion in royalties from the mining and resources industry, and the Department of Treasury is forecasting that amount will exceed \$6 billion in 2019/20.

We are a prosperous State and it is hard to believe that more than 240,000 Western Australians are living below the poverty line, and every day 20,000 WA children go to school without having breakfast.

Our State Government can and should do more to help people in our community who are victims of domestic violence, people experiencing homelessness and those in our community who are struggling with mental health and addiction problems, by directly supporting the not-for-profit organisations that expertly provide programs, support services and care for people in our community.

A society is measured by how well it treats its most vulnerable people and you and your parliamentary colleagues can ensure that we build a better community in Western Australia by supporting meaningful and urgent action to fix this critical funding shortfall.

Your sincerely,