



## Premier of Western Australia

Our Ref: 24-72814

Mr Tony Pietropiccolo  
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Community Employers WA  
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Dear Mr Pietropiccolo,

### **Sustainable Funding for Community Services**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 March 2011 regarding funding for community sector organisations.

I acknowledge the valuable work of the community sector and its important role in maintaining social cohesion in Western Australia. Meeting the needs of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community is a priority of this Government.

I agree that the issue of adequate and sustainable funding for community sector organisations needs to be addressed. The Government is working towards ensuring community sector organisations have appropriate levels of funding to meet their contractual service delivery outcomes and other legal obligations.

You would already be aware that the Government is not just focusing on funding, but has established a productive working relationship with the community sector to implement a range of reforms that will build the capacity of community sector organisations.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Yours sincerely

Colin Barnett MLA  
**PREMIER**

28. MAR 2011