

Community Employers WA (CEWA) represents not-for-profit employers in the non-government Community Services sector of Western Australia. With 132 member organisations who employ more than 24,000 Western Australians, CEWA has a strong presence and contributing role in the local and wider community.

Not-for-profit Community Services organisations are an important contributor to the provision of Human Services across Australia. We believe there are key differences and benefits provided by NFP Community Services organisations, including:

- A stronger impact on the community, by developing networks and relationships that help all parties (employees, organisations, and community members) to function more effectively.
- Developing long-term partnerships and investments in assets and facilities that will benefit the community, and can be reinvested into providing sustainable services in our communities.
- The opportunity for long-term partnerships to be created between not-for-profits and for-profits where Corporate Social Responsibility exists (i.e. there is an economic, social and environmental benefit for all stakeholders).
- A higher level of social innovation and support shown by employees, donors and volunteers towards the values and mission of the organisation.

At the 2017 Western Australia State Election, CEWA is looking for;

1. The payment of fair and just wages to employees in the NFP sector

- CEWA would like to see the Government continue to recognise and support the payment of fair and just wages for workers in the sector, and in particular the additional costs of the Equal Remuneration Order.
- The acknowledgement that funding reforms such as the implementation of the NDIS, are starting to present sustainability issues and implications for many employers, employees and service users with increased casualization of workforces.

2. The Government to provide support of services who work with those most vulnerable and in need in our community

- With WA's unemployment rate at its highest ever level, and 240,000 people living below the poverty line, the demand is only continuing to grow for NFP community services.
- The sustainability of our services remains critical to a healthy and compassionate society.

3. To improve the relationship with the Government

- The NFP sector values the partnerships, contributions and commitments made by senior Government executives to improve service delivery and collaboration between the State Government and the community services sector.
- The sector is keen to continue the Partnership Forum and to strengthen its activities and commitment to improve the lives of all Western Australians.