

Community Information & Support Victoria (CISVic) is the peak body representing local community information and support services. Our local services assist people experiencing personal and financial difficulties by providing information, referral and support services including Emergency Relief. We would like the elected government to invest in the following actions:



## Funding for Workers

Provide funding for professional staff in every agency to support delivery of the Emergency Relief program.

**9:1**

ratio of volunteers to paid staff across CISVic branches and members



## Housing

Build at least 25,000 new social housing properties each year to develop a housing pipeline that will address current waiting lists and the projected demand.

The supply of affordable rental housing in Australia is inadequate. The current shortfall of social housing is estimated to be 433,400 properties, growing to 727,200 by 2026.



## School Costs

Fund public schools to a minimum of 100% of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) which is the minimum funding needed to give every child the greatest opportunity to achieve their full potential, regardless of their background.

Include fully funded loadings for students with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students from low-SES backgrounds, rural and remote students, and students requiring English language support.

**84%**

of families accessing support were struggling with school costs



## Centrelink Payments

Lift all income support payments to at least \$69 a day.

- Index payments to wages as well as prices to maintain their value over time.

Ensure there are supplementary payments that meet specific needs.

- Increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance by 50 per cent
- Provide a Disability and Illness Supplement of at least \$50 a week
- Provide a Single Parent Supplement that recognises the costs of single parenthood.

**76%**

of service-users were receiving income support payments



## Dental

Establish a Dental Benefits Scheme, making dental care more accessible to all Australians on Health Care Cards.



## Asylum Seekers

Provide access to Medicare, income support, employment, mental health and other vital services to all people seeking asylum.