

Brief Statement – 24th December 2014

Funding Cuts to Peak Housing & Homelessness Bodies

The AASW is extremely disappointed at the news that key housing and homelessness peak bodies will be defunded. These bodies and the strong voices they represent are necessary in a caring and open civil society. These bodies are the channels by which the government receives frank and fearless advice based on knowledge and experience of the communities which they represent: the consumers their carers and those who deliver services. Why would a government not want that advice? This is the question that the AASW will continue to explore in 2015.

The AASW supports the statement made by ACOSS which can be read at <http://goo.gl/l2Oicp> . In addition you may want to read the joint statement by the peak housing bodies chiefly affected. <http://goo.gl/ho8EPO> .

The additional truth is that many direct services may also be affected by the round of funding cuts to achieve the government's target. At present it is very difficult to determine which services are to be targeted. You, our members and Facebook followers, will need to keep a close eye on the media to find out this information.

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