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Anglicare Australia welcomes the Government's commitment to Social Inclusion and Housing

Anglicare Australia welcomes the tangible commitment to Social Inclusion and Housing made by the government through the placement of a Housing Minister in cabinet for the first time in over a decade.

"The positioning of a Housing Minister within Cabinet and the creation of a parliamentary secretary for Social Inclusion is a tangible step towards addressing these issues" Anglicare Australia Executive Director Kasy Chambers said today.

"Housing is the major issue for many of the people seeking assistance from the 44 Anglicare agencies across Australia. Rising rental cost together with increased competition and difficulty in actually finding a home in the first place are placing families under incredible stress."

"Every day we see people come through our doors who are juggling pharmacy bills for their children, utility bills, rent and food bills – there isn't enough money for everything. It is not possible to play a meaningful part in your community when you simply don't have enough money for the basics." Chair of Anglicare Australia Dr Ray Cleary said.

Anglicare Australia also welcomed the commitment to work with the community sector from the Government.

"The community sector works first hand in many of the areas in which this government is planning immediate action. We welcome the commitment to work with the sector and offer the expertise of the Anglicare network to assist the government in addressing issues such as housing, skills shortages, early childhood outcomes, homelessness, in short social Inclusion" said Dr Ray Cleary.

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