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Anglicare Australia identifies the issues for the first 300 days

Members of 15 Anglicare agencies from across the country met in Canberra last week to discuss the new government and the Anglicare network's priorities for the first year of government.

"The issues of early childhood, Indigenous affairs, housing, ageing and workforce participation are of the utmost importance and will be issues we will be engaging with the government in detail about. However the issues of Social Inclusion and Climate Change underpin just about every other issue and the links between them" Anglicare Australia Executive Director Kasy Chambers said today.

"It was wonderful that so many members were represented in this deeply important discussion" Anglicare Australia chair Ray Cleary said. "Anglicare Australia regards its conversations with government as extremely important and this sort of meeting ensures that the message we carry to government is based in practice and real, lived experience."

Anglicare Australia will, along with its member agencies, be considering new models in care for ageing Australians; be working on programmes and new ideas to support parents with young children; be working on a broad national housing strategy and national homelessness strategy; be strengthening its direct connections with Indigenous Australians; be examining all the job participation programmes in search of a different way to help Australians into jobs.

Underpinning all of these issues and making the connections between them are the themes of Social Inclusion and Climate Change.

We will be talking with the Government and its officers to make sure that not only is Climate Change addressed but that those Australians that are living on low incomes are not disadvantaged. "We have a number of programmes in the Anglicare network that help people on low incomes address the effects of climate change in their own life and gain meaningful jobs and save money through the process. We are looking forward to sharing these ideas with the Government" Ms Chambers said.

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