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Budget Disappointing for Territorians

“This year’s Federal Budget had no significant detail to help on key community needs – affordable housing, secure work and adequate income,” said Anglicare NT CEO Dave Pugh.

“No homes for the homeless, very minor changes to taxation and the benefits are only for those who least need the change.”

“Anglicare NT welcomes the superannuation changes – these changes are a step in the right direction. However, it doesn’t do enough as those Territorians living on the minimum wages see no real change.”

“The emphasis on pathways out of youth unemployment is also welcome, although it comes at the cost of other employment programs.”

“This Budget hasn’t really delivered outcomes for the common good, and there are still large sections of our community being left behind, much more needs to be done.”

“The Budget has failed to address housing affordability in Australia, or to change unemployment payments which lead to housing stress. Serious gaps remain in essential services such as homelessness services here in the Northern Territory.”

“What we want is a plan for affordable housing supported by all levels of government, which means more social housing and real collaboration between the community sector and government. We hope that in the lead up to the election, we can engage in a meaningful dialogue that can produce tangible outcomes for all Territorians.

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