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Volunteering Australia welcomes Labor commitment to the Community Sector

Volunteering Australia welcomes Labor's commitments to the community sector which is aimed at resetting the relationship with the community sector and building sector capacity.

Labor Shadow Assistant Minister for Families & Communities Senator Jenny McAllister made a speech on Friday that outlined a number of measures including:

- Meaningful consultation through Labor's Community Sector Partnership
- The reinvigoration of the National Compact with the Third Sector
- Longer term, ongoing funding for community sector organisations
- Recognition of the significance of government funding by ensuring that funding provided to organisation's reflect the efficient costs of providing the services it is contracted to deliver

"Volunteering Australia's election platform outlines a number of priorities targeted at better support of the community sector. With volunteering a core activity in the community sector, we are pleased to see a commitment to tackling issues and supporting sector growth", said Volunteering Australia CEO Adrienne Picone.

As an original signatory to the National Compact, it is also positive that this agreement will be reinvigorated as it has a focus on improving unpaid workforce issues, reducing red tape and streamlining reporting, promoting the value and contributions of the sector, improving information sharing including access to publicly funded research and data sharing, and protecting the sectors right to advocacy.

While there have been no firm commitments on the continuation of the Equal Remuneration Order (ERO), this announcement states that organisations should be appropriately funded to provide for adequate and safe staffing levels, and fair and reasonable wages and conditions.

View Senator McAllister's community sector policy announcement here:

https://www.jennymcallister.com.au/working_in_partnership_labor_s_approach_to_the_community_sector

You can read [Volunteering Australia's Federal Election Policy Platform](#) here.

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