

Community Services

The community service sector, including not-for-profit, advocacy and service organisations, plays a vital role in sustaining our economy, and protecting and supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged community members. Adequate on-going funding is crucial to the provision of high-quality community services and to addressing Western Australia's pay equity gap. These organisations must be able to provide an independent voice in public debate and decision making without fear of repercussion or loss of funding.

Aims

The Greens (WA) want:

- well-funded community services to strengthen social infrastructure
- adequate and secure funding for not-for-profit welfare and advocacy organisations
- improved job tenure for staff who work in this sector, and decreased casualisation of its workforce

Measures

The Greens (WA) will initiate and support legislation and actions that:

- support improved and longer-term funding for community services, including improved service provision in regional and remote communities
- encourage governments to support longer-term funding contracts in the sector
- support a well resourced not-for-profit sector that provides direct advice to government on social services
- close the gender pay gap in the community services sector (see The Greens (WA) [Women](#) policy)

(See also the Australian Greens [Social Services](#) policy)

Community Services policy ratified by The Greens (WA) in 2021

The Greens (WA) spokesperson for community services is [Alison Xamon MLC](#)