

The Greens (WA) 2017 policy

Community Services

The Greens (WA) believe that:

- The community service sector plays a vital role in sustaining our economy, and protecting and supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged community members
- A well-funded community service sector is crucial to the provision of high quality community services and to addressing Western Australia's pay equity gap
- Not-for-profit and advocacy groups must be able to provide an independent voice in public debate and decision making without fear of repercussion or loss of funding
- Competitive tendering diminishes the collaborative strength of the not-for-profit sector

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

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
- 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 2017