



SUPPORTING CANBERRA'S MOST VULNERABLE And Investing in Services

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Many Canberrans will have seen someone sleeping rough or know someone who hasn't had anywhere to stay. The ACT Greens are committed to doing all we can to ending homelessness and investing in crisis support services for Canberrans who don't have anywhere to stay.

> **Additional funding for the Early Morning Centre**

The Early Morning Centre provides support to Canberrans who are currently homeless and those who have experienced chronic homelessness in the past.

It provides direct services such as breakfast as well as connecting people with essential medical, legal and support services.

However, over the last three years the ACT Government has reduced EMC's core grant funding by 25% - despite EMC continuing to respond to a high level of demand. The ACT Greens are strong supporters of the EMC and will:

- » Provide an additional \$100,000 per year in base funding to meet their immediate needs; and
- » Provide a one-off investment of \$50,000 to support the continued development of a new business model, including the development of a fundraising plan and a robust impact evaluation process.

> **Support for after hour referrals**

The ACT government has recently created a new, single point of contact for access to all human services in the ACT called "One Link". While the ACT Greens are supportive of this approach, we are concerned that their hours of operation are limited to 8am to 6pm from Monday to Friday.

We know that homelessness and crisis does not follow business hours. That's why the ACT Greens will:

- » Fund an additional 10 hours of operation - extending open hours until 8pm on Friday and provide for four hours on Saturday and Sunday.