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LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER, [INSERT ORG NAME] WARNS THE NSW GOVERNMENT THAT VITAL SERVICES ARE UNDER THREAT DUE TO STATE BUDGET

Vital services to [insert area]'s most vulnerable people are under threat because of the NSW Government's decision to not properly fund local service providers.

This is due to the Government's decision to set the indexation for some community funded services at just 1.75 per cent for the coming year, while wages are to increase by 3 per cent.

Local service provider, [insert org name] said the funding decision will likely mean reduced services to those that need it most.

"We work with some of the most vulnerable people in the community and this paltry funding decision will mean we will likely have to look at reducing hours and services," [insert spokesperson] said.

"This organisation already runs on a shoestring. Every year we are asked to do more with less, and this decision could put us at breaking point.

"[Insert comments about the work you do and the communities you serve].

"This work is now under real threat because of the NSW Government's decision to set the indexation rate for our organisation at just 1.75 per cent this year.

"This failure to match indexation to wage increases will leave us with few options but to seriously consider reducing hours or reducing services.

"This will fundamentally hurt our ability to serve the most vulnerable in our community."

[insert name] said this did not have to be the case though.

"As a starting point we ask that the indexation rate of 1.75 per cent for community organisations as set out in the State Budget be increased to at least 3 per cent.

"We want to work with the Government to make this happen, so we can get on with the job of helping the most vulnerable people in our community."

[Insert name] said they will be meeting with [insert local MP] to discuss the matter further.

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