

# MEDIA ALERT

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ACT Council of Social Service Inc.

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## MEET THE "FAIRNESS CHALLENGE": ACTCOSS TO CANDIDATES

### **ACTCOSS Calls on Candidates to commit to a fairer future for ACT**

Today, the ACT Council of Social Service will unveil "The Fairness Challenge", a comprehensive call to election candidates to address the causes of social exclusion in Canberra.

"The Fairness Challenge" sets goals, targets and strategies on addressing a range of social issues, including social inclusion, community sector viability, homelessness and housing, health, justice and corrections, equitable climate change policy, and governance and public policy.

"In the highest income jurisdiction in one of the wealthiest countries in the world, it is deplorable that we still have entrenched poverty and social exclusion in Canberra" commented Ara Cresswell, ACTCOSS Director. "We call on all candidates in the upcoming ACT elections to take up "The Fairness Challenge" and commit to a fairer Canberra for everyone.

#### **EVENT DETAILS – Launch of "The Fairness Challenge"**

**When:** 10:00am – 11:00am Friday, 15 August 2008

**Where:** Reception Room, ACT Legislative Assembly, Canberra City

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