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MINI-BUDGET HELPS REDUCE IMPACT OF FINANCIAL CRISIS

"The ACT Government's Mini-Budget will help reduce the impacts of the global financial crisis on Canberra," commented Roslyn Dundas, Director of the ACT Council of Social Service. "These additional funds are being invested in those who need help the most, and will provide some boost to economic activity in the ACT."

"We particularly applaud the fulfilment of ACT Labor's election promise to provide \$2.5 million to carers and volunteers to help with transport costs, and an additional \$1 million for emergency relief providers who are struggling to meet the increased requests for assistance."

"We welcome the investment in new community facilities and support for community organisations, which will help build their capacity to assist people as demand for services increases," Ms Dundas continued.

"There are also a number of initiatives to help the ACT do its part to mitigate the effects of climate change, which will ultimately benefit all Canberrans by moderating its potentially catastrophic effects."

"ACTCOSS looks forward to working with the ACT Government and Assembly to ensure that these funds are spent well, and to identifying further priorities to combat the effects of the global financial crisis on Canberra in the lead up to the next full ACT Budget," Ms Dundas concluded.

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