

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR QUEENSLANDERS



SUPPORTING QUEENSLANDERS THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES

The COVID-19 crisis has put immense pressure on all Queenslanders, both collectively and individually.

We have risen to the challenge. We've backed each other in, and stuck together. There is no greater example of that than the Care Army.

Thousands of Queenslanders put their hand up to help our most vulnerable out, and provide the support necessary to help them cope in a time of crisis. Because that's what Queenslanders do.

The Palaszczuk Government recognises that it isn't just physical vulnerability that has made Queenslanders susceptible to hardship from COVID-19 – its financial vulnerability as well.

We don't want Queenslanders to fall through the cracks. We don't want them to have seek assistance from a predatory pay day lender.

That's why we're proud to be providing an additional \$6.2 million worth of emergency support services.

OUR COMMITMENT

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will provide an additional \$6.2 million over the next two years to provide emergency support services to financially vulnerable Queenslanders.

This funding will support:

- **\$2.2 million for emergency relief to provide food vouchers and parcels and other support**
- **\$4 million to employ 20 NGO workers to provide financial counselling to vulnerable Queenslanders in obtaining no interest loans.**



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OUR PLAN FOR QUEENSLAND

The hardship associated with COVID-19 can take many forms. The Palaszczuk Government wants to provide all Queenslanders the support they need, so that they can take part in our economic recovery plan.

That's why we are funding an additional 20 community workers to provide Queenslanders with assistance in obtaining no interest loans, so they can push through the tough times, without being encumbered with crippling debt on the other side.

We will ensure that Queenslanders have access to emergency relief, like food vouchers and parcels to assist them in getting through moments of crisis. Accessing this type of support from one of Queensland's emergency recovery relief providers can be life changing for those who are most in need, helping Queenslanders take care of themselves and their families.

PALASZCZUK GOVERNMENT'S RECORD

The Palaszczuk Government is focused on building a strong community sector, and providing a helping hand to Queenslanders when they're struck by disaster, including:

- From 2017 to 2019, issuing more than \$72 million in grant funding to Queenslanders affected by natural disasters
- Investing over \$3.8 million for a Financial Literacy and Resilience Program
- Providing \$1.1 million in funding for two Good Money Stores
- Launching the Care Army, enlisting almost 28,500 Queenslanders wanting to play their part in the COVID-19 response.

All of these steps have built a stronger, more resilient Queensland.

NEWMAN-FRECKLINGTON LEGACY

Deb Frecklington and the LNP left vulnerable Queenslanders high and dry when last in power.

They cut the budget for the Office for Seniors by 63%, leading to staff numbers going from 19 to 7.

The LNP cut \$368.4 million from NGOs. The Newman Government even planned funding cuts to the following organisations we have come to rely on during the pandemic:

- Anglicare
- The Red Cross
- Foodbank Queensland
- Mission Australia
- St Vincent de Paul's
- The Salvation Army
- UnitingCare.

Not only did they cut vital funds from our hardworking NGOs, they made them sign up to gag clauses, threatening NGO funding if they spoke out against the Government.



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