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Chief Minister
Treasury and Economic Development Directorate
Canberra ACT

Submission to the 2026-27 ACT Budget Consultation process

Dear Chief Minister

Please find attached HelpingACT's Impact Report for consideration in the 2026-27 ACT Budget development process. Our Impact Report outlines the work of HelpingACT towards alleviating food insecurity in the local community.

The ACT food relief sector delivers vital assistance to Canberrans in crisis every day, As you know, this sector is under significant strain because of unprecedented demand and the increasing rates of social disadvantage in the community. HelpingACT sees these stresses daily, including a doubling in demand for our food services over the past two years. Half of those who approach us have never asked for help before.

HelpingACT has actively worked to alleviate food stress in Canberra for the past 7 years, relying on donations from the public and small government grants. 95% of the funds we raise goes directly to those who ask for our help. To continue to operate effectively and to grow our services to meet increasing demand, we ask the ACT Government to consider contributing to our operating costs to sustain our work into the future. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these priorities further during the upcoming budget consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

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