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Statement regarding corruption allegations within the WA Housing Authority

The Western Australian Council of Social Service is disappointed and greatly concerned to hear claims of corruption within the Housing Authority.

We welcome the announcement by Premier Mark McGowan of the independent review by the Public Sector Commission. The WA Government must take steps to guarantee that this never can happen again.

Our number one priority is for people experiencing disadvantage.

This money could have made immeasurable differences to people living in poverty - people are waiting two and a half years for public and community housing, and a growing number of families are doing it tough.

The sector is in shock regarding the alleged fraud reported to be in the millions. This money could have made a significant impact and improved the wellbeing of so many lives especially for people without a place to call home.

It is important that our community is able to trust the public institutions that are responsible for the wellbeing of those doing it hardest.

While events like these can erode public trust, we do not believe that these allegations reflect on the public sector as a whole, which is made up of many workers dedicated to the WA community.

We will continue to work with the WA Government to achieve better outcomes for Western Australians experiencing adversity and disadvantage.

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All comments can be attributed to Louise Giolitto.



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