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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **WACOSS Conference Rescheduled to October**

The Western Australian Council of Social Service has rescheduled the 2020 Conference *Finding Ground: Building a better way together*.

The biennial conference, originally planned for May, has been rescheduled to **26-28 October 2020**.

Government health modelling has indicated that there will be a potentially higher risk of COVID-19 spreading through WA by late April or mid-May, the period within which the conference was originally scheduled.

Our members, supporters, and stakeholders within the community services sector work with some of the most at-risk groups of people in the state. We have a responsibility to support the sector, who in turn may need to prioritise their organisation's response to COVID-19 during this time rather than spare resources to attend the WACOSS conference.

It is important that we in turn prioritise our support to the sector, and during the coming days, weeks, and months we will share information, resources, and best practice examples with our members and the sector via our regular communications channels.

The WACOSS conference is scheduled for **26-28 October 2020**.

Ends.

These comments can be attributed to Louise Giolitto, Chief Executive Officer, Western Australian Council of Social Service.

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