



Australian Council of Social Service

**How do we maintain a strong voice and
whose voice is it?
Ethical behavior in tough times**

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What is our values base?

Charitable; not-for-profit
Community based

Supporting people to
identify and meet their
own needs

Strong, independent voice
- within civil society



How do we sustain those values?

What intersection between those values and ...

Declining resources and policies that prioritise competition over collaboration?

Growing need of people relying on low incomes; facing inequality

Thank you!

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From yesterday: State of the sector

Defunded:

- > \$1b in 18 months

Distracted:

- IAS
- Attacks on independence

Disrupted:

- Outcomes
- Governance

