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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **CANBERRA SUMMIT TO HIGHLIGHT IMPACT OF ECONOMIC CRISIS ON SOCIAL SERVICES**

Major church providers will take their concerns regarding the impact of the global financial crisis to political leaders at a national summit at Parliament House in Canberra on Wednesday 26 November.

The group has commissioned Access Economics to identify likely impacts in a discussion paper – *The impact of the financial crisis on social services*– which will be presented at the summit.

Key members of the Government have been invited to address the summit, to comment on the discussion paper and to participate in the development of recommendations.

These include: the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, the Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Treasurer Wayne Swan, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin, Finance Minister Lindsay Tanner, and Minister for Workforce Participation Brendan O'Connor.

Thirty leaders, agency directors and CEOs from the four major church provider networks, and other national leaders have also been invited, and will be asked to develop recommendations to the Government to deal with the impact of the crisis on Australia's most disadvantaged people.

Media are invited to attend.

A joint media conference will be launched at 10.55am in Committee Room 1R1 at Parliament House in Canberra following the launch of the paper and again at the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery boxes at 3.30pm, where the group is expected to release a comprehensive list of recommendations.

Spokespeople from the four major church providers include:

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| <b>Anglicare Australia</b>                | Kasy Chambers, Executive Director  |
| <b>Catholic Social Services Australia</b> | Frank Quinlan, Executive Director  |
| <b>Salvation Army</b>                     | David Eldridge, Territorial Social Programme Secretary, Australia Southern Territory |
| <b>UnitingCare Australia</b>              | Lin Hatfield-Dodds, National Director  |

#### **LAUNCH**

Date: Wednesday 26 November 2008  
Venue: Committee Room 1R1  
Parliament House Canberra  
Time: 10.15am

#### **FOLLOW-UP MEDIA CONFERENCE**

Date: Wednesday 26 November 2008  
Venue: Press Boxes  
Parliament House Canberra  
Time: 3.30pm

#### **MEDIA CONFERENCE**

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