



Sector Connect - 2010

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- Introduction to NCOSS - our roles.
- Relationship to the Peaks (FONGA)
- Vote 1 Fairness in NSW –
NCOSS Election Strategy

NCOSS

- Vision – a society where there is social and economic equity, based on co-operation, participation, sustainability and respect
- Purpose – to provide leadership to the social and community services sector in NSW by working with our members and others to influence public policy to achieve social justice for disadvantaged people and communities



What does NCOSS do?

As the peak body for the social and community services sector in NSW, what does NCOSS do?

- Advocacy
- Social Policy development
- Industry Policy development
- Capacity Building
- Partnerships and Collaboration
- Leadership and Innovation



Sector Development at NCOSS

- The NCOSS Sector Development Unit works to comprehensively support the sector to effectively operationalise its social justice objectives and values.
- We aim to proactively enable and resource the development of a high quality and effective community sector through industry services, advocacy, research and policy development.



Sector Development at NCOSS

The major goals of the Sector Development Unit are :

1. Support and resource the ongoing development of a high quality and effective community sector.
2. Positively influence key government policies that impact on the sustainability, capacity and vitality of the community sector.



Sector Development at NCOSS

Current Projects/ Initiatives

- Sector Development E Bulletin
- Management Support Unit (MSU)
- Associations Act (2009) Handbook- new edition
- Indigenous Women's Leadership Program
- Information Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy



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Current Projects/ Initiatives

- NCOSS Community Cover- insurance scheme for the NFP sector (with Aon Risk Brokers)
- Industry policy advice to Government/s
- Workforce Profile Research
- Red Tape Reduction Strategies
- An Industry Plan for the NGO sector



FONGA

NSW Forum of Non Government Agencies

FONGA is convened by, and informs, NCOSS. FONGA meets bi-monthly.

The purposes of FONGA are:

- To be a vehicle for information exchange, discussion, consultation and advocacy about key policy, program and service delivery issues affecting the non government human services sector at a state-wide level.
- To be a conduit for information flow from the state to the regional, sub-regional and local levels of the NSW non government human services sector.
- To work actively towards achieving social justice for all disadvantaged people and communities.

(Source: FONGA Terms of Reference)



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Membership of FONGA is open to NSW:

- peak state level human service non-government organisations
- regional human service non-government organisations
- major, state-wide not-for-profit, non-government service provider organisations and consumer representative groups which are committed to the purposes of FONGA.
- Members of FONGA must also be members of NCOSS.

(Source: FONGA Terms of Reference)

Over 90 peaks, and regional state level human service non -government organisations, are current members of FONGA.

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Top Five Priorities 2010

At its February 2010 meeting, FONGA reviewed its Top Five Priorities and encouraged FONGA members to participate in working parties to progress the Priorities:

- Profile of the Sector
- Workforce and Sector Development
- Improving access and quality
- Working with Aboriginal communities
- Social Inclusion

NCOSS Election Strategy

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Vote 1 Fairness in NSW is a call for all current and aspiring politicians to agree to support measures that will contribute in a real and meaningful way to a fairer, more just and sustainable society.

Vote 1 Fairness in NSW

- Why do we need an election platform?
 - Provide a focus on social justice
 - Make sure politicians and the public understand the importance of these issues

- How was the platform developed?
 - Existing policy positions
 - Analysis of what's missing
 - Consultation
 - Members – formal and informal process
 - Research and experts



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Priority Areas

- Aboriginal Self Determination
- Improved Child Well being
- A Fair Go For People with A Disability
- Active and Connected Older People
- Strong Communities
- Improving the Justice System
- More Affordable Housing and Less Homelessness
- Better Health and Wellbeing
- Fairer concessions
- An Effective Transport System
- Better Planning and Infrastructure
- Strengthening the Community Sector



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Our Key Sector Development Priorities

- A Sensible and Whole of NSW Government Funding Policy
- An Industry Plan for the Sector
- An Effective Compact/Relationship between the NSW Government and the Sector

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1. A Sensible and Whole of NSW Government Funding Policy

- Whole of Government harmonisation across funding and regulatory definitions, requirements.
- Red tape reduction via IT enabled common reporting requirements/systems.
- Guaranteed, consistent indexation and award increases.
- Minimum 3-5 years funding cycles.

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2. An Industry Plan for the Sector

- The development of a comprehensive workforce profile,
- An industry-wide needs assessment and development of collaborative cross-sector strategies
- A marketing/communications strategy to enhance and improve the visibility and profile of the sector
- The establishment of a state-wide non-government community services industry Task Force
- The development of a standard funding agreement

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3. An Effective Compact/ Relationship between the NSW Government and the Sector ?

- A review of the existing Compact
- The collaborative development of a revised Compact
- Greater collaboration between the NSW Government and the NGO sector in the development and implementation of social policy solutions in NSW.
- Improved recognition and utilisation of the networks, intelligence and experience of the NGO sector in NSW.

Influencing Government

- Our most important resource is people
- Tell our stories
 - Politicians
 - media
- Get others onside
- Offer real solutions
 - Explain why what we propose will make a difference.

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Then read or download
the full document on-line





NCOSS membership

- The Council of Social Service of New South Wales is a membership organisation. Non government, not for profit organisations based in NSW, delivering human services, or involved in community development, policy or advocacy, are entitled to apply for full organisational membership of NCOSS.
- **By joining NCOSS, you will extend our ability to ensure that the sector is well informed, articulate, strongly represented and has a high profile.**
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