



Community Partnerships Roundtable Communiqué

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The Community Partnerships Roundtable (the Roundtable) met on 2 April 2025. The Roundtable is co-chaired by Mike Rowe, Director General of the Department of Communities (Communities) and Louise Giolitto, Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS). Members bring a diverse range of experience and expertise to address system-wide issues and plan on matters of strategic importance relevant to the delivery of human services.

The Hon. Matthew Swinbourn MLC attended the Roundtable in his capacity as the Minister for Community Services; Homelessness, following the re-election of the Cook Labor Government and his appointment to State Cabinet.

Members of the Roundtable welcomed Minister Swinbourn to the portfolio and expressed appreciation at his efforts to meet so early into his appointment.

Co-Chair of the Roundtable, the Director General of Communities, provided an update on the implementation of the Public Sector Reform announced by the Premier to align with the Government's priorities of a more resilient economy and a better way to build. An agency implementation group has been established with senior staff from the Department of Finance and Communities to enable the transition of Housing staff to the newly established Department of Housing and Works by 1 July 2025.

Other key discussion items from the meeting included updates on:

- Emergency activations by Communities' Emergency Relief and Support team;
- The recent meeting of the Commissioning and Data Sharing Working Group; and
- Finalisation of the Terms of Reference review

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5 August 2025.

Further information

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