



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

