

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR A FOCUS ON COMMON GOOD IN 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

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As Australia prepares for the Federal Election on 3 May 2025, Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) urges all political parties to prioritise the common good over sectional interests in their policy platforms.

Dr Jerry Nockles, Executive Director of CSSA, emphasises the need for a respectful and honest discourse during the election campaign:

“As we enter this crucial period, we call on all political parties to elevate the standard of debate. Every policy discussion should recognise the inherent, inalienable, and inviolable dignity of every human person. We must firmly reject the dishonest scare campaigns that have unfortunately become commonplace in recent elections.”

CSSA advocates for policy platforms that reflect core Catholic Social Teaching principles, particularly the preferential option for the poor. Dr Nockles states:

“In line with our Catholic values, we urge candidates to champion policies that uplift the most vulnerable in our society. The true measure of Australia’s progress lies in how we treat those on the margins.”

The organisation emphasises that the election campaign presents an opportunity for Australia to reaffirm its commitment to the dignity and equality of all people. Dr Nockles adds:

“This election should be a time for unity, not division. We call on all Australians, including political candidates, commentators, and media, to engage in this democratic process with honesty, integrity, and a genuine commitment to the common good.”

CSSA will closely monitor the election campaign and policy announcements, advocating for initiatives that promote the well-being of all Australians, particularly the most disadvantaged.

About Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA)

[Catholic Social Services Australia](#) (CSSA) advocates for the Church's social service ministry. It is the national peak body for Catholic social service providers. The CSSA's network operates across all Australian States and Territories and has over 700 sites.

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