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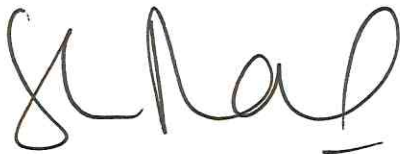
Dear Ms Darling

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the VolunteeringACT. I am responding on behalf of all endorsed Liberal candidates for the 2020 election.

Please find attached a response to the survey from the VolunteeringACT.

Thank you for taking the time to seek our views.

Yours sincerely



Josh Manuatu
Campaign Director

RESPONSE TO VOLUNTEERINGACT

The Canberra Liberals are committed to making Canberra the best place to live, work and raise a family.

We would like to express our thanks to VolunteeringACT for their significant work and advocacy. The Canberra Liberals recognise that volunteers play a significant role in our community in providing support for vulnerable people in our community. Volunteers empower, strengthen, reduce mental health issues and isolation, and increase social wellbeing of many Canberrans.

A Canberra Liberals Government will address cost of living pressures to help alleviate stress on vulnerable Canberrans. We have already announced we will:

- Freeze rates for four years and put downward pressure on rents;
- Cut car registration by \$100 per year;
- Provide \$200 Active and Creative Kids Vouchers for school children to use on extracurricular activities;
- Ensure more gap-free and after-hours GP services; and
- Deliver 1200 more affordable dwellings.

We will lower taxes and provide better services to ensure Canberrans can get ahead.

The Canberra Liberals support in principle a Minister for Volunteering. The recent bushfire and health crises have demonstrated that volunteers are critical for community wellbeing.

A Canberra Liberals Government would provide VolunteeringACT with \$100,000 per annum to implement the Volunteer Ready Program. We believe in evidence-based policy and community services. Canberra community organisations need to be supported, and the Canberra Liberals will provide this necessary funding.

The Canberra Liberals also support in principle research being undertaken on the state of the volunteering in the ACT. We will work with the community sector to ensure that recommendations of the research are implemented.

The Canberra Liberals will be making further policy announcements in the coming weeks. If you would like to stay up to date, you can follow the Canberra Liberals Facebook page:

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Our policies will also be publicly available on our website after they are announced:

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