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Media Statement

CRCS TO KEEP UP FIGHT AGAINST CUTS TO REGIONAL FAMILIES AND BUSINESS

Community Resource Centres across regional WA have vowed to continue their fight against the State Government’s attack on Community Resource Centres (CRCs), highlighted in today’s State Budget.

Budget papers confirmed a cut to the CRCs budget by almost 40 per cent which will result in a cut in access to essential government and community services in many regional areas.

Ms Jane Chilcott, Chief Executive Officer of the peak body representing CRCs, Linkwest, said regional families and businesses today received a double blow from the government.

“It is devastating that at the same time regional families and businesses are being forced to pay more for their electricity, water, car registration and other essential living expenses, the State Government is effectively cutting services to their communities with a 40 per cent cut to their Community Resource Centres,” Ms Chilcott, said.

“It is unclear why CRCs are being targeted by this government, particularly in light of independent reports which support the work they do with the funding they receive.

“While CRCs received funding increases under the previous government this was coming off a very low base and so figures used to attempt to justify the cuts are disingenuous. In fact, CRCs provide essential services to their communities and the current level of funding enables them to just meet demand.

“We will continue to fight these cuts despite the David and Goliath nature of the battle.”

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