MEDIA STATEMENT
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We strongly welcome today’s announcement by the Government that there will be no tender process for women’s refuges and other services to allow them to continue operating until 2020.

In a recent report to the Government one of our key recommendations was for a moratorium on the tender process to allow the sector to rebuild, after the turmoil of last year’s tendering process which affected services across NSW.

We’re extremely pleased the Minister Brad Hazzard has listened to feedback from refuge managers who were concerned about staff and service losses under another round of tendering.

This decision allows them to get on with the job of providing the best possible services for their clients.

Today’s decision also provides certainty for inner-city refuges including essential services such as B Miles, Detour House and Young People’s Refuge.

Extending the contracts will create significant goodwill and will be a very welcome Christmas present for women’s refuges across NSW.

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