



# The Salvation Army

## Victoria State Council

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The Honourable Ted Baillieu, MP  
Premier  
Level 1, 1 Treasury Place  
Melbourne, VIC 3000

Dear Mr Baillieu

### **RE: 2012-13 VICTORIAN STATE BUDGET**

The Salvation Army applauds the commitment to improve the lives of vulnerable Victorians made by the Victorian Government, thus far. Over the course of the last year, a number of Coalition election commitments have been implemented and several significant policy reviews and reforms have been initiated. This year's budget is an opportunity for this Government to build upon its commitments to improve the lives of Victorians.

In an effort to inform the Government of some of the most pressing issues "on the ground," The Salvation Army has developed the attached budget submission in close consultation with our community service networks across the state.

We would like to take this opportunity to bring the Government's attention to several key issues of concern which the organisation feels should be a top priority for this year's budget including:

- Housing Affordability and Homelessness,
- Alcohol and Other Drugs,
- Children and Youth,
- Cost of Living and Emergency Relief,
- Family Violence, and
- Workforce Capacity.

We trust that the information provided to you in this budget submission is of value and that it will assist the Victorian Government in achieving a fair and just society for all Victorians. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army Victoria Social Programme and Policy Unit (VSPPU) on 9353 5200.

Yours sincerely

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