



## STATEMENT FROM SOS WOMEN'S SERVICES

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SOS Women's Services is extremely pleased that the NSW Upper House has passed a motion ordering the Government to release all documents relating to its *Going Home Staying Home* reforms.

We've been concerned throughout the entire process about the lack of transparency surrounding the tenders, and many members of the peak bodies have repeatedly raised concerns about the lack of consultation and information provided to them.

The Government has consistently stated that the awarding of tenders was evidence-based. This will be the first opportunity to see that evidence.

The competitive tendering process has had a devastating impact on the homelessness sector, including on women's and girls' refuges.

While new operators are now successfully operating in several areas, there are still serious concerns about other regions.

There has been a loss of staff and expertise built up over 40 years, some services are no longer 24/7 and some have no experience operating women's refuges.

We'd like to thank the NSW Opposition for their support on this important and ongoing issue as well as the Greens and the Shooters and Fishers who supported Labor's motion.

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