



Edmund Rice Community Services



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Dear Valued Donor,

In recent weeks the Edmund Rice Community Services Board has been assessing the future of our organisation with independent professional financial advisors and others as financial sustainability remains a critical issue.

Recently we met with ERCS staff to advise them of the Board's decision for the future. These meetings were in each State and were held with representatives from the ERCS Board present.

Despite the excellent work and commitment to the mission and programs of ERCS, it is with much sadness that we advise that Edmund Rice Community Services programs and services will be wound down by the end of this year.

This decision will impact on the future of The Global Centre for Social Justice & Advocacy Leadership as an initiative of ERCS.

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous support over the years. Your contributions have enabled us to deliver meaningful programs and services that have touched countless lives. While this chapter is coming to a close, the legacy of your support will continue in the lives of those we've served and in the spirit of collaboration we have fostered.

The process of winding down is still being finalised. As part of this transition, we are committed to ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of donated funds. We will be in touch shortly to provide:

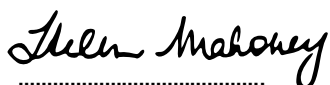
- A summary of the work and outcomes achieved with your support
- Information on any remaining funds and proposed steps for their responsible use or return
- Information on any emerging possibilities for the work of the Centre

The Christian Brothers' Province, who have been steadfast supporters of our mission, have accepted the Board's recommendation based on expert financial analysis that a sustainable future cannot be found under current conditions.

As we conclude this chapter, we do not see failure, but fulfilment. The seeds planted through your generosity will continue to grow—in new forms, in other hands, and in the ongoing call to care for one another.

We will keep you updated with any relevant news in the coming months. Once again, thank you for your invaluable support of ERCS. It has always been deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Helen Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a dotted line.

Helen Mahoney OAM

Board Chair

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