



# Andrew Constance MP

## NSW Treasurer

### Minister for Industrial Relations

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **\$2.4 MILLION GRANT TO SUPPORT THE EXODUS FOUNDATION**

NSW Treasurer Andrew Constance has today announced a \$2.4 million grant for the Exodus Foundation to support its homelessness and educational programs for vulnerable people in our community.

Mr Constance made the announcement at the Exodus Foundation in Ashfield this morning with its founder Rev. Bill Crews and Strathfield MP Charles Casuscelli.

“The Exodus Foundation does an outstanding job combating disadvantage by providing food, educational and social health services to vulnerable people across Sydney,” Mr Constance said.

“The Loaves and Fishes Restaurant provides hundreds of meals a day for homeless people, while its Tutorial Centre teaches literacy skills to children who have fallen through the cracks in the mainstream education system.

“I’m delighted to announce the NSW Government will provide \$2.4 million over two years to support the Exodus Foundation in their excellent work, giving them time to adjust to the funding reforms for non-government organisations in the homelessness and education sectors.”

Strathfield MP Charles Casuscelli welcomed the announcement and said:

“The Exodus Foundation is an iconic charity which has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Rev. Bill Crews, supporting hundreds of children and homeless people right across Sydney.

“It’s vital we see that work continue and I’m delighted the Government has been able to step in and support them with their programs.

“You only have to meet the people who access the services at Exodus to realise how important Exodus are in supporting families and children with learning difficulties – the results of which have been truly remarkable,” Mr Casuscelli said.

The \$2.4 million grant will support the Exodus Foundation for the 2015 and 2016 calendar years while transition arrangements are made for them to operate under the funding reforms of *Going Home*, *Staying Home* and *Local Schools, Local Decisions*.

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