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Hon Josh Frydenberg MP  
Treasurer of Australia  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Treasurer,

**Pre Budget Submission**

**Creating Women's Employment for the COVID-19 economic recovery – a proposed partnership with the community foundations of Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra**

I write on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation (Melbourne), Sydney Community Foundation and Hands Across Canberra Foundation. Together we offer the Federal Government an opportunity to partner with us to address the issue of women's unemployment, especially in relation to older and young women, and those from vulnerable groups.

Through partnering with the Federal Government we can run a program that will increase female employment in Australia and help Australia's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As established community foundations with strong local networks and knowledge, we have existing relationships with charitable organisations working on women's employment, including through social enterprise. We can respond with agility and from a strong base of experience in philanthropy to address this challenge.

We would be honoured to work with the Federal Government on this initiative and appreciate your consideration of our attached submission. We have also been in contact with Minister Ann Ruston about this potential partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Brown

CEO