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## **Intractable Issues, Challenge for the Parties**

In the lead up to the State election next week, UnitingCare Wesley is calling on the parties to think about the intractable issues (tough, stubborn, long term challenges) that hold South Australia back from being the thriving community that we desire.

Two of the difficult social issues that UnitingCare Wesley believes provide the greatest challenges for the South Australian community are mental health and indigenous wellbeing.

For mental health, the priorities need to concentrate on increasing the level of community based support services and expanding rehabilitation and prevention services.

For indigenous communities, improvements in health care is crucial to extend life expectancy where aboriginal people live much shorter lives than the rest of us. There also needs to be a commitment to restorative justice to reduce the number of aboriginal people who end with long jail terms for minor offences with punishment focussed on stopping offending behaviours

### Further Comment

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