

ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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A VOICE FOR THOSE ON INCOME SUPPORT

Who We Are

An alliance of people affected and concerned by poverty and unemployment, including job-seekers, low-income workers, sole parents, Aged and Disability Pensioners, carers, students, community workers, and others.

Our Goals

- To advocate for the dignity, rights, and well-being of those receiving income support from Centrelink.
- To create community networks that provide emotional and practical support to those affected by poverty, unemployment, and mean-spirited government policies
- To be a voice for and of people experiencing poverty and unemployment, and to highlight the personal experiences and insights of low-income people.

What We Want

- An adequate, fair, non-judgemental welfare system – a safety-net that properly protects low-income and vulnerable people. One that treats people with respect, instead of punishing and micro-managing them, and allows them to fully participate in community life.
- An end to discriminatory, wasteful policies like Income

Management and Work For The Dole that assume that if you are struggling financially or out of work, this must be your fault, this must be because you have not tried hard enough. We know this is untrue – there are simply not enough jobs to go around, and Centrelink payments are grossly inadequate.

- We believe Centrelink payments are too low to provide an adequate standard-of-living that allows individuals to meet their needs and fully participate in life in all its facets. We want all income support payments, both Allowances and Pensions, raised to the poverty-line.

Welfare Is A Right, Not A Privilege

Welfare, exactly like healthcare, is an entitlement that should be freely available to all simply on the basis of need, and that is part of living in a humane community. It is not something that we should have to beg or grovel for. Anyone who needs income support or other services should have access without having to feel ashamed or judged, and without having to prove themselves worthy.

Defending All People Receiving Centrelink Payments

We reject all claims about the “deserving” and “undeserving” poor. We reject all attempts to divide Centrelink recipients, to turn some struggling groups against others. Our enemies are not each other.

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