

# TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Petition Title:** Request to raise Newstart by at least \$75 per week

**Reasons:**

This petition draws to the attention of the House:

The current rate of \$40 per day for Newstart is too low to give people the support they need to survive and maintain a basic quality of life. Instead of supporting people, the current Newstart rate forces many people into a cycle of deprivation, social isolation and humiliation. Instead of allowing people to get on their feet and seek work, it entrenches poverty and puts up barriers to seeking work.

*Personalised paragraph: Briefly describe your agency. Say your agency assists people on Newstart and similar Centrelink payments every week. You can describe their circumstances, explain how they are doing their best but suffer unnecessarily when payments don't cover their costs. Describe the support your agency provides – and perhaps when it cannot provide enough support. You can provide stats about the support you provide to people on Newstart/Centrelink. (This personalised paragraph should be no more than 100 words)*

Raising Newstart will allow people to survive, get back on their feet, and focus on their future - rather than always addressing their immediate financial crisis and working out how to cover food, housing and basic costs of living.

**Request:**

We therefore ask the House of Representatives to raise the rate of Newstart and similar Centrelink payments by at least \$75 per week as a matter of urgency.

**PRINCIPAL PETITIONER**

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