



Our Demands

We are a network of grass roots organisations, with [endorsements](#) from around Australia. We encourage people to join our broad movement to win an adequate income for everyone, to have a home, food and the other necessities for an adequate standard of living.

1. \$550 a week for income support!

- Reverse the cuts to JobSeeker and JobKeeper payments.
- Extend JobKeeper, and pay it directly to workers.

2. No-One Left Behind!

- Raise all other allowance payments and pensions (Aged Pension, Disability Support Pension, Youth Allowance and Carers Pension) to a minimum \$1100 per fortnight.
- Extend the JobSeeker and JobKeeper allowances to recent migrants, asylum seekers, overseas workers and international students.
- Increase the minimum wage.
- Keep free early childhood education and care.

3. End Harassment! For Social Security with Dignity.

- Abolish Mutual Obligation. End Work for the Dole and the Community Development Program (remote Work for the Dole), and forced income management provisions such as the Cashless Welfare Card and Basics Card.
- No return to Robodebts.
- Stop harassment by dodgy Job Providers.
- Public ownership and control of Social Security and Employment Services.

4. Secure homes for everyone

- Extend and expand the eviction ban, ban repossessions and provide rent and mortgage amnesty for the length of the pandemic.
- Forgiveness of all rental/mortgage debts accrued due to the impacts of the pandemic.
- Empty dwellings and vacant hotel rooms to be decontaminated and made available to homeless and displaced people.
- All those on the waitlist for State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing (SOMIH) to be housed.
- Massive new investment in public housing and an end to further investment in "community housing".

5. Well paid, socially useful, sustainable work that mitigates climate change

- Public funding of meaningful, useful and secure work, driving a democratic and equitable just transition to solve the employment, climate, public health crises.
- Local production (with significant public ownership) for local needs, decided democratically according to local priorities, including First Nations rights.
- Public ownership of industries that are essential to reducing emissions.
- Trade union rights and conditions for all, including all migrant workers, and a 4 day working week with no loss of pay.

Our campaign began when JobSeeker doubled the dole, and other government responses to COVID-19 unexpectedly met people's needs for the first time. An informal group of union and anti-poverty activists began discussing the need to keep the new rate of social security payments, extend them to people who had been excluded, and to stop harassment of people on income support. We held a hugely successful launch on 20 July 2020, and continue to develop our demands with endorsing organisations.

Endorsing organisations

National

Accountable Income Management Network
AMWU Veterans (National)
Anglicare Australia
Australian Unemployed Workers Union
BAYAN Australia
Centre for Co-operation and Disarmament
Climate Justice Collective
Community and Public Sector Union (PSU Group)
Community Union Defence League
Earthworker
Independent Education Union
Independent Peaceful Australia Network
Latin American Solidarity Network (LASNET)
Life Sovereignty Peace
Migrante Australia
National Council of Single Mothers and their Children
No Cashless Welfare Debit Card Australia
Retail and Fast Food Workers Union
Say No Seven
SEARCH Foundation
Spirit of Eureka
The Pen-Independent media
The Tomorrow Movement
United Workers Union
Vintage Reds
Workers Solidarity

New South Wales

Australian Student Environment Network (NSW)
Australian Workers Union NSW Branch
Community Disability Alliance Hunter, Newcastle
Fair Go For Pensioners Newcastle Branch
Hunter Community Alliance
May 1 Movement
Newcastle Poverty Action Alliance (NPAA)
NOVA For Women and Children NSW
Sydney University SRC

Northern Territory

Electrical Trades Union (NT & Qld)

Queensland

Electrical Trades Union (NT & Qld)
Fair Go for Pensioners, Queensland
Maritime Union of Australia, Queensland
Maritime Union of Australia Veterans, Brisbane
No Cashless Welfare Card Bunbury
Queensland Anti-Poverty Network
Rail Tram & Bus Union Retired Members Association Qld
Workers Power 4ZZZ

South Australia

Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons Inc
Anti-Poverty Network SA
Graham F. Smith Peace Foundation
Industrial Workers of the World (Adelaide)
Maritime Union of Australia, SA Branch

Tasmania

Australian Unemployed Workers Union, Tas
CFMEU Construction and General Division Vic & Tas
Independent Education Union (Vic & Tas)

Victoria

Advanced League of Peoples' Artists (ALPA AMWU Vic)
AMWU Veterans (Vic)
AnakBayan Melbourne
Ballarat Regional Trades and Labour Council
CFMEU Construction and General Division Vic & Tas
Electrical Trades Union (Vic)
Fair Go for Pensioners (Vic)
Gabriela Australia, Victoria
Gippsland Trades and Labour Council
Independent Education Union (Vic & Tas)
Melbourne May Day Committee (Vic)
Melbourne Unitarian Church.
Migrante Melbourne
Migrante Melbourne East
Migrante Melbourne North East (Samahang Tatak Pinoy -STP)
Migrante Melbourne North West
Migrante Melbourne West
North East Border Trades and Labour Council
PAX Christi Victoria (International Christian Peace Movement)
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Philippine Caucus for Peace (PCP)
Philippine Studies Network of Australia (PNAS)
Philippines Australia Solidarity Association (PASA)
Promotion for Church Peoples Response
Rail, Tram and Bus Union , Vic
Renters and Housing Union (Vic)
Save Public Housing Collective (Vic)
South West Trades and Labour Council
University of Melbourne Student Union
Victorian Trades Hall Council
Workers Solidarity

Western Australia

Climate Justice Union
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