

RAISE
THE RATE



NEWSTART ISN'T WORKING.

THERE'S BEEN NO INCREASE IN REAL TERMS TO NEWSTART IN 25 YEARS, LEAVING PEOPLE TO STRUGGLE TO GET BY ON \$40 A DAY - THAT EQUATES TO LESS THAN \$15,000 A YEAR.

It's time to Raise the Rate to give people the support they need to get through tough times and into suitable work.

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Nearly one million Australians receive Newstart or related income support payments. They include young people making the transition from study, single parents of school-age children and older Australians confronting technological change.

While applying for jobs they may also be studying or training, sometimes while caring for children or dealing with injury or illness. There aren't enough jobs for everyone, with one job available for every eight people looking for paid work.

The current rate of Newstart is not enough to give people the support they need. Raising the rate by about \$10 a day (\$75 a week) will help strengthen the system.

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The low rate of Newstart is a real disincentive in helping you to look for new work. You don't have the money for transport. You don't have the money for clothes. You don't have the money for telephones.

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**MIKE,
DESIGNER**



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Accessing public transport was really hard. Often I didn't have enough money to pay the fare. I've had to go without textbooks that I need for a subject.

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**CASSANDRA,
STUDENT**



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To get into high school at the start of the year is \$1200 a kid, even though it's a government school, and not everything can be put on a payment plan. They don't get to do extracurricular activities.

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**JUANITA,
SINGLE MUM**

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