

MYTH BUSTING NEWSTART

**RAISE
THE RATE**



\$277 PER WEEK

This is what a single person receives in Newstart Allowance per week (\$39 per day).



PLUS \$4.40 PW

Everyone on Newstart gets the \$4.40 per week Energy Supplement. This is the only additional payment that everyone on Newstart receives. It raises Newstart to \$282 per week or \$40 per day.



WHAT ABOUT RENT ASSISTANCE?

Around 40% of single people on Newstart get Rent Assistance. They may get a maximum of \$10 per day in Rent Assistance **IF** they pay a minimum of \$21 per day in rent. That leaves \$28 per day to live on. As the Salvation Army shows, most people pay more in rent and have just \$17 per day to live on after paying for housing.



AND FAMILY PAYMENTS?

Less than 20% of people on Newstart get family payments. The rate of family payments depends on the age and number of children. These payments work like Rent Assistance and only cover some of the extra costs of raising children.



SO HOW MUCH CAN A SINGLE PERSON WHO RENTS GET?

\$350.50 per week, which is the average rent of a one-bed unit in Darwin.

ACOSS CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE OF \$75PW FOR NEWSTART AND RELATED PAYMENTS.