

To the Senate Enquiry Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card Trial Expansion) Bill 2018.

**I would like to express my opinion about the expansion of this trial .
I feel that it doesn't need to be expanded until the other trials are completed and have been evaluated .**

There is enough evidence all ready to show that it is causing hardship on some people who have been placed on to this card that I feel an extension would only cause more hardship on others .

I feel that the removal of cash from a place like the seat of hinkler would place a very large strain on the local economy .

1/ The local farmers who sell on the side of the road will feel it

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2/ People trying to sell second hand items will feel the loss of buyers.

3/The local markets will also lose buyers .

4/School fetes will lose out as some of the people targeted here will probably have school age children and wont have the cash to buy or participate

5/ Children will miss out on school activities or buying second hand items from schools as the parents wont have cash .

6/ Local small businesses who deal in cash will lose customers .

7/ People wont be able to buy online thus pushing their cost of living up.

The Bundaberg mayor has come out against the cashless welfare card because of the cost . <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/may/21/bundaberg-mayor-turns-against-high-cost-of-cashless-welfare-trial> .

This will split Bundaberg in two sections . One side will allow people to manage their own affairs while on the other side of the city peoples affairs will be managed by a private company paid for by the taxpayer .

Most polls done in this area show an approximate 80% against the card .

The last senate enquiry on the card had the same type of figures 80% against .

Lately there has been a ground swell of people being opposed to this card ,

There has been a lot of untruths told by the minister about the people against this card in hinkler ..I for One live in hinkler ,I resent the fact that he is calling me a union hack from melbourne or sydney .. I and many others have been against this card from the very beginning because it takes away basic human rights which should never happen in a country like AUSTRALIA .

Thank you for your time