

**From:**  
**To:** [Community Affairs, Committee \(SEN\)](#)  
**Subject:** SUBMISSION: Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021  
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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make a submission regarding the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021. I am a young mother of 2 children living in [REDACTED] NSW. I rent a property costing \$400 a week and attend university. It's a real struggle trying to survive on a rate of Jobseeker that is so far below the poverty line. The constant stress of keeping a roof over my families head, struggling with water and electricity bills, and lying to my kids about whether i had eaten that day. I have been diagnosed with depression and anxiety resulting from the constant stress and find it hard to sleep at night. If jobseeker drops to an rate of just \$44 a day all of these stresses will be so much worse- how will I feed and dress my kids? I believe the rate of jobseeker and related payments should be at least \$75 a day.

Yours sincerely,