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The Secretary
House of Representatives Select Committee on Intergenerational Welfare Dependence
PO Box 6021 Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Brief Submission - The persistence and impact of intergenerational poverty and trauma.

Dear Secretary,

Anglicare Australia is writing in regard to the Parliamentary Inquiry into "Intergenerational Welfare Dependence".

We note that the title of the inquiry incorrectly frames a symptom as a cause, and is therefore an unhelpful beginning, and would recommend that the topic be recast as "The persistence and impact of intergenerational poverty and trauma".

The recently circulated discussion paper, however, has nonetheless raised important topics for exploration and definition. In this context we would commend to you a body of our recent work:

- In terms of the destructive impact of inadequate income and ongoing hardship we point to our State of the Family report on food insecurity: [When there's not enough to eat](#) (2012), as well as research papers on living on low incomes, [Going without](#) (2012) and the inequitable rise in the cost of living under current government policy [Living Standard Trends in Australia](#) (2015).
- In regard to workforce exclusion and the need for a more thoughtful and effective public policy response we would direct you to [Beyond Supply and Demand](#) (2014) and our first two Jobs Availability snapshots ([2016 and 2017](#)).

We will launch Anglicare Australia's 2018 Jobs Availability Snapshot in Anti-Poverty Week next month and would welcome the opportunity to talk to the Committee about the findings of this report at that time.

Yours sincerely

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