

Hi Marie

I have been trying to get a copy of the new changes, but I haven't had any luck so far. What is the cut off time.

I have not had an awful lot of responses but here are some comments.

A lot of our single mums are caught up in family violence and various other social issues ie housing, education, feuding, jealousy, lack of support, to name a few.

Children 6 years of age, should be increased to 8 years old, maybe 10. We have children living with grandparents, grandparents, are they going to be expected to work. What is going to happen to the difference in allowance ie disability to newstart.

People travelling 90 kms or more - we have people living in rural remote areas. Quite a large number of our people live in rural/remote areas more than 90 kms, some of which can go into the hundreds. No transport.

People with disabilities - when they go from disabilities to newstart, who is going to make up the difference

CDEP - A lot of Aboriginal people have been working for the dole. What is going to happen to them. Private businesses in local towns don't employ them. What are they going to do? The health of our people is in an appalling condition. We need to let the Government know of the concerns we have as Aboriginal people working in the coalface for our people.

What will happen with education? What is going to happen to the three R's when you have people whose brains and lives are damaged by alcohol, substance abuse and various other social disadvantages. Are resources going to be put in place to overcome a lot of the social disadvantage.

Access to jobs. Availability of jobs in any area whether they will be employed or not, whether it be rural or remote.

The government created the welfare dilemma, especially for Aboriginal people. Is this all they can dream up.

Racism/discrimination in the workplace and/or community. Do people really know what it feels like to be different, ie coloured skin, disability.

Cheers

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