

# Everybody Counts

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## **Increase in family support a good move**

Anglicare Australia welcomed the government's election announcement today of a \$75 a week an increase in family payments for families with young people 16 to 18years old.

"Our theme for this election is *Everybody Counts*. The welcome initiative from the government today is a good reminder that elections can and should be about ensuring everyone in our society gets a fair go" said Anglicare Australia's Executive Director Kasy Chambers.

"The Government's promise to increase Family Benefit A for families with teenagers still at school or training, is simply a recognition of the fact that terminating the benefit at age 16, as happens at present, unfairly makes things tough for vulnerable young people, and their families."

"It is important to enable everyone to get the most from our education systems. The reality is that people's life chances are not so good if they don't stay at school past 16."

"We welcome this interest in an often invisible group, and we are waiting for the Coalition to match this promise."

"We also hope to see both major parties look more broadly at the cost of living that people on pensions and benefits confront. For too many people, unaffordable rent in private housing market, skyrocketing power and water costs, and expensive or inadequate transport make life on a very low income simply too hard to manage."

"This is a valuable initiative by the Labor government. We look forward to more commitments that take account of the real cost of living for people who don't earn a good income" Ms Chambers said.

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