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Anglicare Australia welcomes the '07 Federal Election Campaign in Anti Poverty Week.

The announcement of the Federal Election Campaign at the start of Anti-Poverty Week focuses the election campaign on the issues of poverty and inequity in Australia in 2007. Anti-poverty week 2007 runs from 14th to the 20th October. Recent ACOSS research found that there are two million Australians living in poverty. A report by Anglicare Victoria and released on 12th October found that income inequality had increased and that there were now more households with incomes below 50% of the median income.

“There is no reason for any Australian to be living in poverty in 2007” said Anglicare Australia Executive Director Kasy Chambers. “Despite eleven years of strong economic growth we know that those people on low incomes are not sharing in the wealth”.

“We welcome the Federal Election campaign on the eve of anti-poverty week and the emphasis that the announcement puts on combating poverty and inequality.”

Anglicare Australia will be releasing its Election Strategy, which concentrates on areas of particular consequence to disadvantaged Australians, during the federal election campaign.

“We will be watching the policies from the parties with special interest in the areas of affordable housing; climate change; Indigenous affairs; State and Federal relations; and of course the growing divide between those in poverty and those enjoying the benefits of a decade of economic growth” Ms Chambers said.

Anglicare agencies around Australia will be hosting various events in Anti-Poverty Week. Details can be found by visiting the Anglicare Australia website (www.anglicare.asn.au) and then clicking on ‘Member Agencies’ for individual agencies’ websites.

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