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## **Albo's 100 Days Of Inaction On Cost-Of-Living Crisis**

### **Anti-Poverty Network Calls For Albanese To Prioritise People Skipping Meals Over Tax Cuts For Rich**

Today is 100 days since the election of the Albanese Government, and Anti-Poverty Network SA is calling for the Prime Minister to urgently respond to the cost-of-living crisis by lifting the incomes of those in poverty, and expanding the number of public homes being constructed.

“Now is the time to cancel the immoral Stage 3 income tax cuts – due to start in July 2024 – which will largely benefit people earning more than \$180K a year, and cost the nation over \$20 billion a year”, said Anti-Poverty Network SA spokesperson Jeni Harris.

Instead of these wasteful tax cuts, funds must be diverted into:

- Raising JobSeeker and other Centrelink payments to above the poverty-line.
- Expanding the number of new public homes – 4,000 homes a year for 5 years is a drop in the ocean.

“We demand that the government stop harming this country’s poorest members – give us some security, dignity, and a life where we can meet our needs and look after our health.”

“The new government has the chance to stop people’s lives from being destroyed, by prioritising people who cannot afford to eat, over a \$7K a year tax cut for the rich.

For people on \$46 a day, every day is a gruelling battle, but it does not have to be this way”, Jeni Harris said.

#### **Data On Scale Of Cost Of Living Crisis**

- Adelaide rents have increased 20 percent in the last 2 years.
- Only 1% of rentals are affordable for someone receiving JobSeeker.
- Power prices have risen by up to 10 percent since July.
- Basic foods like fresh vegetables have risen by 27 percent.

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