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'Why Fat Profits Over Full Bellies?' Anti-Poverty Network Addresses Parliamentary Inquiry On Grocery Prices

Anti-Poverty Network SA Northern Suburbs Coordinator, Sara Walker, will today address State Parliament's Select Committee on Grocery Prices.

"Access to affordable, nutritious, suitable food is a basic human need, but to the gigantic supermarkets casting a shadow over the food industry, people's basic needs come second to the demand for ever-growing profits. What we need is full bellies, over fat profits", Anti-Poverty Network SA Northern Suburbs, Coordinator, Sara Walker, said.

"The soaring price of food takes a profound toll, not only on people's health – especially those on the lowest incomes, like job-seekers, and their children – but on the massively-overwhelmed community organisations providing free or low-cost food to people experiencing food insecurity.

Our Northern Suburbs Team, based in Adelaide's most disadvantaged suburbs, works with many people who, because of very low Centrelink payments, rising housing and energy costs, and now, rising food prices, are simply not able to purchase the food they need.

Our hope is that this inquiry will build pressure on politicians about the desperate need for supermarkets to be regulated, so that exorbitant, unjustifiable price rises to fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and other staples, are prevented. We also hope this inquiry will spur renewed action on the ongoing cost-of-living crisis facing those on the lowest incomes, by all levels of government", Ms Walker said.

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