

ANTI-POVERTY NETWORK SOUTH AUSTRALIA



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'Purple Pingers' Helps Launch Anti-Poverty Network Election Campaign

*'No One Left Behind': Anti-Poverty Network SA Federal Election Campaign Launch
Saturday, March 1, 3:45 pm-5:30 pm (Press Conference at 2pm)
Nailsworth Community Hall, 31 D'Erlander Avenue, Collinswood*

Speakers (available for media interviews):

- Victorian housing campaigner Jordan Van Den Lamb (AKA Purple Pingers)
- National poverty campaigner Kristin O'Connell from The Antipoverty Centre
- People affected by the poverty crisis and the housing crisis

Anti-Poverty Network SA launches its Federal Election Campaign on Saturday, March 1, with locals affected by the housing and poverty crisis, and high-profile interstate advocates, calling for candidates to commit to urgent action on poverty and housing.

Rents are still unaffordable. Over 15,000 people are still on the SA Housing Trust Waiting List, with several hundred extra public homes, the current commitment from governments, is barely making a dent.

Anti-Poverty Network SA spokesperson Duncan Bainbridge said: *"Despite repeatedly being told, 'No One Left Behind'. After 3 years of Federal Labor, people on Centrelink payments (especially JobSeeker) are still hundreds of dollars per week below the Poverty Line."* He continued: *"We are sick of a Parliament that, dominated by property investors, from both major parties, fails to listen to or represent those who are struggling to stay afloat."*

Anti-Poverty Network SA is calling on candidates to fight for people in poverty, and renters, by committing to

- Raising Centrelink payments such as JobSeeker above the poverty line
- Substantially increasing public housing – SA needs tens of thousands of extra public homes
- Ending punishing "Mutual Obligation" requirements
- Scrapping taxpayer handouts for property investors, such as Negative Gearing and Capital Gains tax breaks

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