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"An Irresponsible Budget, A Missed Opportunity": Community Advocates Respond To Federal Budget

PRESS CONFERENCE:

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11am, Parliament, North Terrace, Adelaide

South Australian community advocates will gather at Parliament House Wednesday morning to condemn a Federal Budget that failed to seriously address poverty, housing affordability, and inequality.

Speakers will argue the Albanese Government has chosen to protect corporate interests and investor tax concessions instead of delivering the structural reforms needed to reduce poverty and expand public housing.

Samantha Skinner from Anti-Poverty Network SA said, *"This fourth Albanese Federal Budget was deeply irresponsible, and a profound missed opportunity to end poverty and the housing crisis."*

"Federal Labor's changes to Capital Gains Tax and negative gearing are far too timid to match the scale of Australia's housing and poverty crises. By grandfathering these changes, instead of fully scrapping them, the Albanese Government is walking away from \$20 billion per year.

Money that could have lifted income support payments above the poverty line, funded tens of thousands of additional public homes, and protected our NDIS from vicious cuts. Once again, the Albanese Government has put people who are struggling last."

"This should also serve as a warning to the Malinauskas Government ahead of the SA State Budget in three weeks' time. You cannot claim to stand with ordinary people while protecting corporate and landlord profits. The crumbs might be bigger this year, but they are still crumbs", Samantha Skinner said.

"Poverty kills so many people every year — this budget ensures that will continue,", spokesperson Mel Fisher, JobSeeker recipient, and public housing tenant, said.

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SPEAKERS AT PRESS CONFERENCE: Speakers included: *Lived Experience Speakers (Renters, Job-Seekers, Public Housing Tenants), Anti-Poverty Network SA, Adelaide Day Centre For Homeless Persons & Grannies For Action*

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