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CATHOLICS IN COALITION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Thank you to all the people who signed our recent petition. Below is a small sample of some of your comments. **Continue the campaign by inviting friends to write a letter to the Prime Minister and Treasurer.**

CCJP Petition sent to Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Treasurer Wayne Swayne.
“Take action to ask the government to re-instate single parent payments”

“ The Government’s new welfare policy will force around 100,000 single parents, 90% of whom are women, on to Newstart unemployment payments when their youngest child turns eight. This will slash their weekly income by up to \$223 a fortnight, or 12.8% and place additional stress on single parent families that are already struggling. Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace strongly opposes these welfare cuts affecting one of the most vulnerable groups in our society”

I am a teacher my experience is with helping many single parent women achieve skills for the workplace. Single parents are the most disadvantaged in the community. I am devastated a Labor government can do this...It is very wrong!

Whilst the intention of this policy may well be to 'encourage' people toward autonomy it will so obviously miss the mark by increasing the burden of those already disadvantaged.

The welfare of these children depends on the health security and peace of mind of their parents.

Surely our government can find ways to help balance the budget that will not jeopardise the health & welfare of children; many of whom are already disadvantaged. Please TRY!

I know how hard single parents fight to look after their children. They need our support not cutting back on support payments when the opportunity to work is just not provided.

I believe it is totally unjust to try to balance the budget by cutting the meagre weekly income of single parents. Surely these people are the ones who should be most supported. Children in this situation are the ones who will suffer.

Please stop taking from the poor and giving to the rich. There may be a few single mums taking advantage of the system but the majority are trying hard and struggling to bring up their children in one of the wealthiest countries in the world.