

WHY THE AUWU OPPOSES THIS CARD

The Healthy Welfare Card is an attack on the rights and dignity of all unemployed and underemployed Australians.

The Healthy Welfare Card not only makes it tougher for poorer Australians to survive, but it also turns them into second class citizens. **It is a demeaning form of welfare.**

The Healthy Welfare Card is a shameless attempt to distract us from the real problem behind high rates and longer durations of unemployment - the lack of jobs! According to the government's own statistics, Australia has **19 job seekers per job vacancy**.

The government has deliberately turned its back on working Australians. Instead of stepping up to provide solutions to our unemployment crisis, the government is **blaming the victims**.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

Join us in the fight against this card. The Australian Unemployed Workers' Union (AUWU) will continue to place pressure on the Coalition government to abandon the Healthy Welfare Card and all so-called income management schemes.

We encourage everyone to phone, email, tweet, and otherwise pester the coalition government minister responsible for the card -- Alan Tudge. You can phone Mr. Tudge on **(03) 9887 3890**, or email him at: **alan.tudge@aph.gov.au**

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Say no to cashless welfare!

The Coalition government plans to roll out a new program that will force unemployed Australians to live off only \$60 cash per week.

This Healthy Welfare Card will restrict 80% of unemployment benefits (Newstart) to a visa-style debit card, which can be used at government-approved locations only.

Newstart is already a scandalous **\$190 per week** below the poverty line. Many unemployed workers can only survive on the measly payment by buying second-hand goods, or shopping at local markets. This card makes these thrifty techniques impossible!

The initial rollout of the Healthy Welfare Card will affect 10,000 unemployed Australians across three remote areas in Western Australia (Ceduna, Kununurra, and Wyndham).

The Coalition plans to expand this program across all rural areas, affecting more than 100,000 unemployed workers.

We cannot let this happen!

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