



# 2019/20 BUDGET BRIEFING

## FEDERAL ELECTION

### Income Support

	
<p>No plan to increase allowances.</p>	<p>Will review the rate of Newstart and related allowances within 18 months of forming government.</p> <p>The Newstart review will reconsider the age at which single parents move from Parenting Payment Single to Newstart.</p>
<p>Will replace compulsory income management in the Northern Territory with compulsory cashless debit (maintaining 50% income quarantining).</p> <p>Plans to extend cashless debit.</p>	<p>Support extension of cashless debit trials sites for a further year to 2020. Will abolish compulsory cashless debit in Bundaberg.</p>
<p>No plan to abolish Robodebt.</p>	<p>Robodebt put on hold until recommendations from the 2017 inquiry into Robodebt are adopted and single touch payroll is introduced.</p>

### A Secure, Affordable Home for Everybody

<p>No plan to develop a National Strategy.</p>	<p>Committed to delivering a National Strategy.</p>
<p>No plan to increase social housing investment.</p>	<p>No specific commitment on social housing, but potential for new rental incentive (see below) to deliver social housing if subsidized by contributions from State/Territory Governments.</p>
<p>Discontinued funding for National Rental Affordable Scheme and no plans to replace.</p>	<p>New rental incentive of \$8500 p.a. for 15 years to investors to deliver 250,000 affordable dwellings (20% below market rent), with 20,000 in first term.</p>
<p>No plans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing strategy.</p>	<p>A ten year \$1.5 billion investment in housing in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and a commitment to develop a new COAG partnership on remote housing.</p>

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## Quality Health and Community Services

<p>\$328M for Domestic and Family Violence programs.</p> <p>\$559K for volunteering programs.</p> <p>\$13M for carers programs and services.</p>	<p>\$40M for emergency relief.</p> <p>\$660M to double the current funding for Domestic and Family Violence.</p> <p>\$60M for affordable loans for people on low incomes.</p> <p>\$320M for financial counsellors.</p>
<p>Commitment to provide preschool education to all four year olds.</p>	<p>Commitment to National Preschool and Kindy Program to provide preschool education to all three and four year olds. Will increase the subsidy for families earning up to \$174K who meet the activity test. Will also review the system for vulnerable children.</p>
<p>No commitments on advocacy.</p>	<p>Commitment to support advocacy by charities and not for profits.</p>
<p>No commitment to reform fundraising laws.</p>	<p>Commitment to reform fundraising laws.</p>
<p>Commitment to extend the NPA on dental health until 2020.</p>	<p>Commitment to restore funding withdrawn from public dental health services. Pensioner Dental Plan would give Age Pensioners and Seniors Card holders access to \$1K in dental care/ 2 years (\$2.4B).</p>

## Funding for Our Future

<p>3 stage tax cuts, costing approx. \$40B p.a. from 2024.</p>	<p>1 stage tax cut, costing approx. \$12B p.a. from 2024.</p>
<p>Stated position is to 'guarantee services', but the above tax cuts put future spending on services in doubt.</p>	<p>Extend access to services such as dental, child care, and cancer treatment through new funding commitments.</p>
<p>Negative gearing tightened (re: landlord expenses) but retained. No major change to Capital Gains Tax.</p>	<p>Negative gearing limited to new housing, Capital Gains Tax discount halved.</p>
<p>Legislation passed to limit profit-shifting, more ATO resources.</p>	<p>Additional measures incl. tighter rules to prevent profit-shifting, &amp; more transparency re: beneficial ownership of companies &amp; trusts, financial reporting for companies earning over \$100M.</p>

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