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I'd like to put in a Submission on what I personally think of the Cashless Welfare Card.

It is a absolute anti democratic measure against the working class, especially disadvantaged communities that it has already been trialled in.

The statistics on the trial amount to the fact it is unsuccessful and should be scrapped immediately. One statistic was 44% of mother's could not afford food. This is unacceptable.

The idea is to take away the freedom and autonomy of welfare recipients who are already doing it tough.

You cannot blame welfare recipients for the state of the jobs market, which has been stagnating for decades. Workers are facing very low living standards with casual and part time jobs and the issues of unemployment and underemployment.

The "Job' Networks are another story, harassing welfare recipients for there below poverty payments, that have not kept up with the cost of living, and keep us en masse in poverty.

The Cashless card is no solution to any of the problems workers face, it takes away freedom and autonomy.

I have seen a FB page that is trying very hard to keep the card out of their region and for good reason, there are no benefits to the card, perhaps for the MP'S and Indue corporation, and that is it.People are very angry in that region and I don't blame them, this card should not be in existence at all, it is the brainchild of some very sick people.

This card is absolutely wrong on every level. If people need help paying bills they already get that with Centrepay. This card does nothing to help the financial situation of the most disadvantaged in society.

The problem of drug taking and alcoholism have to be dealth with through the medical profession it has

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NOTHING to do with welfare recipients, and we should not be penalized for the fact some people in society deal un healthily with their issues.