

## **Re : Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012**

I would like to voice my objection to this legislation. Single parents are one of the most vulnerable groups in our society. In addition to having to care for themselves, they have the huge responsibility of providing for their children. In an age where the majority of children in our society lack for nothing it is morally wrong for the government to take away some of the income that these single parents rely on to meet the basic needs of their children – food, shelter and clothing.

Statistics also show that a significant number of these children have some form of disability. This poses both a financial and emotional burden on the single parent. We know that the government services available for children (and even adults) with special needs is inadequate. It is not right to further reduce the ability of these single parents to provide for the needs of their children.

Children represent the future of our nation and these single parents are struggling to raise their children to benefit the country. They merely require some assistance to do so. This should be given to them. As a percentage of the welfare budget, payments to single parents are negligible. Please reconsider this legislation from a humanity point of view. Not much money will be saved by it going ahead and yet many families will suffer greatly as a result of it. As a taxpayer of Australia who does not receive any welfare payments, I am happy to see this group of people (single parents) not only retain their current payment from the government but also to have that payment increased.