

**To Members of the Inquiry:
Social Security Legislation Amendment (Fair Incentives to Work) Bill 2012.**

**From Brigid Walsh
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I write in support of the submission by ACOSS with one simple reminder to the Inquiry members. If you penalise single parents, if you foreshorten their income, you penalise and handicap children. Conversely if you benefit single parents, provide for them a realistic income, you benefit children in all sorts of ways but particularly with regard to their health, education and security.