

- All Australians should be able to have the basics such as food, housing, education for their children, utilities and transport.
- The Smith Family sees the human face of hardship every day and the impact on children and families of not being able to afford these basics.
- The Smith Family supports a permanent increase to income support payments to working age Australians that enables them to afford these basics.
- The level of income support an individual needs to afford these basics is influenced by their circumstances –for example, the number of children in their family, whether they have a health or disability issue etc. Because of this we do not comment specifically on what is an appropriate level of income support.
- Adequate income support needs to be complemented by quality integrated education, employment, training and social services, that support economic and social participation.