

## Single Mother election scorecard 2019

What we want	Liberal/National Coalition	Australian Labor Party	Australian Greens
<b>Increase income support to single parent families</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action on raising <b>Newstart</b> or Single Parent Supplement.</li> <li>From March 2020 there will be a single Jobseeker Payment to consolidate 7 existing payments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Root &amp; Branch review” of <b>Newstart</b> &amp; associated payments. This will reconsider age at which single parents move from PPS to <b>Newstart</b>. May include Single Parent Supplement but no commitment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase <b>Newstart</b> &amp; Youth Allowance by \$75 per week.</li> <li>Agreed to establish a Single Parent Supplement, benchmarked to cost of children as they age.</li> </ul>
<b>Universal dental and health care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1B to <b>dental services for children</b>.</li> <li>\$100 million for public dental care for an extra 180,000 services.</li> <li>Improve <b>PBS</b> safety net to make it cheaper for those requiring multiple medicines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1B to <b>dental services for children</b>.</li> <li>\$100 million for <b>public dental care</b> for an extra 180,000 services.</li> <li>Reduce costs of cancer specialists.</li> <li>End the Medicare freeze.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5.8 billion to provide <b>Medicare-funded dental care</b> to all young people, aged pensioners &amp; those receiving Commonwealth funded benefits.</li> <li><b>Universal health care</b> with more funding to preventative health care, mental health and public hospitals.</li> </ul>
<b>Respect and a fair go for single mothers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduced <b>ParentsNext</b> and will continue it. Has committed to get strict with providers.</li> <li>Pledged \$129 million to <b>extend cashless debit card</b> trials around the country.</li> <li>No policy change to <b>third party verification</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Labor has committed to overhaul <b>ParentNext</b>.</li> <li>Labor supported the one-year extension of existing <b>cashless debit card</b> trials, but refused to support more trials until evaluations are complete.</li> <li>No policy re <b>third party verification</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greens committed to overhaul <b>ParentNext</b>.</li> <li>Will <b>abolish</b> punitive measures like the <b>Cashless Debit Card</b>.</li> <li>Will abolish <b>third party verification</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Fix Child Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No new policy</b>.</li> <li>While in government, ruled out a government guaranteed child support scheme</li> <li>No change to current ways to collect debt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No new policy</b>.</li> <li>Labor supported all recommendations of 2015 Inquiry so may support government guaranteed scheme.</li> <li>No change to current ways to collect debt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No new policy</b>.</li> <li>No policy to support government guaranteed scheme.</li> <li>Greens have a long standing commitment to fix child support. No detail about how they would do so.</li> </ul>

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End child poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Tax offsets</b> from July 2019 for 10million workers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Review</b> of payments and allowances associated with Newstart.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unfreeze the <b>income thresholds</b> for Parenting Payment Single</li> </ul>
Make all forms of childcare affordable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No further change to <b>childcare Subsidy</b>. In December 2018 responded to public pressure and lifted the In-Home Care hourly cap to \$32.00 (from \$22)</li> <li>▪ No commitment to continue funding for <b>early learning</b> for 4 year olds when it expires in 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>\$4B to increase childcare subsidies</b></li> <li>▪ Labor will commit permanent funding to deliver <b>early learning</b> for 3 and 4 year olds so that all three and four-year-olds will have subsidised access to 15 hours of preschool from 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will increase <b>childcare subsidy</b> rate to 100 per cent of the hourly fee cap for families earning up to \$69,000 who meet the activity test making child care free, or almost free, for up to 372,000 families.</li> <li>▪ \$4 billion investment in <b>early education</b></li> </ul>
Access to affordable and safe reproductive health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No National Strategy priority funding.</li> <li>▪ No support for affordable <b>pregnancy termination</b> services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ National Sexual Reproductive Health Strategy for safe, legal and affordable <b>pregnancy termination</b> services available to all Australian women.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free and safe <b>pregnancy termination</b> services, including unbiased counselling</li> </ul>
More affordable housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No plan to develop a National <b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b> Strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will deliver a National <b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b> Strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supports development of a National Housing &amp; Homelessness Strategy</li> </ul>
Safety for women and children affected by domestic violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$78m to build or buy <b>new emergency shelters</b> for families affected by domestic violence.</li> <li>▪ \$82m for <b>frontline services</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$88m <b>transitional housing</b>.</li> <li>▪ \$60m over four years to fund 20,000 <b>'flexible assistance packages'</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 'No woman turned away' under new \$5.3 billion 'National Partnership Agreement on Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women'</li> </ul>

\*Policy announcements accurate on 14/05/2019