

# SAY NO

## TO WORK FOR THE DOLE!!!

### Work For The Dole currently affects:

- Job-seekers aged under 30 who have been on welfare for more than six months, who have to do 25 hours of unpaid work per week.
- Job-seekers under 50 who have been on welfare for more than six months, who have to do 15 hours of unpaid work per week.
- BUT from July 2016, Work For The Dole will be restricted to job-seekers under 25 and those already participating in the program. It is evidence that the government knows Work For The Dole is an expensive failure. **So why not completely scrap the program?**

717,000  
Job-Seekers

### USELESS

Is Work For The Dole meant to help people find work? Then why is there no evidence that it works – that it leads to people finding jobs? Work For The Dole ignores the real cause of unemployment: the lack of jobs.

There is only one job for every five job-seekers. According to recent data (early 2014) there were 146,000 job vacancies but 717,000 unemployed people.

146,000  
Available Jobs

Studies show only 20 percent of Work For The Dole participants find jobs after completing Work For The Dole. It is a fake solution.

Besides, Work For The Dole is useless “busy work” that does not build the skills of those involved.

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### UNFAIR

Work For The Dole exploits job-seekers, who are paid LESS than the minimum wage for working 25 hours per week. For those on Newstart, the rate is \$10 per hour. For those on Youth Allowance, \$6-\$8 per hour.

How can this be fair, when our minimum wage is \$16.87 per hour? Surely work is work? Everyone who works should be entitled to at least the minimum rate.

Not only that, but Work For The Dole workers have no access to the ordinary rights and conditions that other workers have, not even Work Cover.

Why do we always focus on the obligations of job-seekers rather than the obligations of governments?

There is plenty of useful work that our community needs done, work that is currently done by volunteers, but could be turned into paid jobs, if the government was willing. There is plenty of useful work that could be done, except no one is willing to pay for it.

Creating more jobs, not punishing job-seekers, should be the focus of those in power.

### GET INVOLVED

Join the **Anti-Poverty Network SA** as we fight for a fair, generous, non-judgemental welfare system. One person can make a difference!!

### Our Goals

To advocate for the dignity, rights, and well-being of people on low incomes, particularly those receiving income support from Centrelink.

To create community networks that provide emotional and practical support to those affected by poverty, unemployment, and the mean-spirited policies targeting those receiving income support from Centrelink.

To be a voice for and of people living in poverty, and to highlight the personal experiences and insights of people on low incomes, so that we can challenge myths about poverty, income support, and unemployment

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