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Federal Member for COWAN

A message from Anne

The Albanese Labor Government is working hard to deliver the positive change that the people of Cowan voted for. This Budget is part of our plan to deliver a strong foundation for a better future for all Australians.

I know family budgets are under pressure. That's why we're making early childhood education cheaper, strengthening Medicare, cutting the cost of medicines, and delivering targeted energy bill relief to help families and businesses save money on their power bills.

I know vulnerable Australians need more support. That's why we're lifting the cut-off age for the single parenting payment from 8 to 14 and increasing Rent Assistance, study payments and JobSeeker to help make sure no-one is left behind.

We're also planning for the future and laying the right foundations for our economy and country. That's why we're delivering 300,000 fee-free TAFE places, and powering tomorrow with investments in renewables, industry and skills and technology.

In just under a year, we've come a long way but we know there is a lot of work still to do.

I'll keep working hard every day to deliver for Cowan.

Anne Aly MP



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A message from your Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Finance Minister Katy Gallagher

This is a responsible and practical Budget that will help take the pressure off Australian families.

After a wasted decade under the Liberals and Nationals, the Albanese Labor Government is working to provide Australians with security, while setting our country up for the future.

This is a Budget that delivers for Australians. From targeted bill relief to help families and businesses with rising electricity bills, to supporting single parents, to the largest investment in bulk billing in the history of Medicare – the 2023 Budget lays the foundations for a stronger and more resilient economy.

That's what Labor Budgets are always about: tackling today's challenges and building for tomorrow. Making responsible and disciplined choices that put our economy and our society on stronger footing.

We know that households and businesses are feeling the pressure. We know there is a lot of work to do. We're getting on with the job.



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**Our top priority
in the Budget is
providing responsible
cost of living relief.”**

We're increasing support payments for those who need it most

The Albanese Labor Government is helping with cost of living pressures to support vulnerable Australians. We're boosting Jobseeker, Youth Disability Supplement, student payments and Commonwealth Rent Assistance, as part of our \$14.6 billion Budget package.

Rates of JobSeeker Payment, Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY, Youth Support Pension, and Special Benefit will increase by \$40 per fortnight.

With the cost of living going up, we're also providing support to renters with the maximum rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance increasing by 15% - the largest increase in over 30 years.

We are also extending eligibility for the higher rate of JobSeeker Payment for single Australians aged 55 to 59, who have been on the payment for nine or more continuous months.



Cheaper energy bills in COWAN



Households and small businesses may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$350 off their power bills.

I know the anxiety that many households face when receiving their power bills.

That's why I am pleased to share with you that residents and small businesses in our community may be eligible to receive rebates off their electricity bills under the Albanese Government's Energy Price Relief Plan from 1st of July.

This is a responsible and targeted cost of living relief, and I know it will make a meaningful difference to households and small businesses in our community.

We're investing in our children by making early childhood education cheaper.

Up to 5300 families in Cowan will benefit from the Albanese Labor Government's Cheaper Child Care Scheme.

From 1st of July, cheaper early childhood education will help ease cost of living pressures on families, and make it easier for parents to return to paid work, or work more paid hours, if they want to.

This will make a real difference in people's lives, especially women, who will have more options to balance work and raising a family.



Supporting parents

We're raising the age cut-off for the Single Parenting Payment from 8 to 14.

Many single parents – overwhelmingly women – face difficulty balancing caring responsibilities and work. These difficulties do not end when their child turns eight. We also know that many single mothers have experienced violence from a previous partner and are at greater risk of financial hardship.

They need more support.

That's why, from 20th September, single parents will no longer transfer to JobSeeker when their youngest child turns eight. These parents will continue to receive the higher support until their youngest child turns 14.





Boosting Skills & Training

We're rebuilding our skills sector to give more Australians the opportunity to access well paid and secure jobs.

We're delivering an additional 300,000 fee-free TAFE and VET places, including 19,000 places in WA.

This is an absolute win for anyone looking to go to North Metro TAFE in Balga. We need more working people with higher skill levels in WA to build our industries, our homes and our lives.

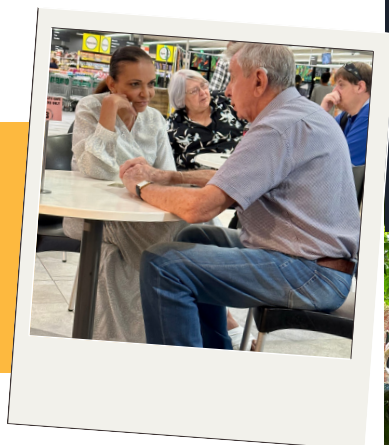
That's why we're also increasing funding by an additional \$54.3 million to help improve completion rates, including for 3320 apprentices currently in training in Cowan.



This Budget helps with cost of living pressures while keeping an eye on the future.



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